



Newbold
School

Verdon Primary

Autumn 2026

Year 1 Newsletter

Dear parent/ carer,

Welcome to Year 1! We hope that you have had a happy and safe holiday. We are excited for the new term and looking forward to getting to know your children. We have an exciting year ahead, with a range of activities to support your child's progress and enjoyment in learning. We will keep you updated throughout the year with news and events on Seesaw and through newsletters but here is some information that you need to know at the start of term.

Staff:

Teachers: Miss Southern

Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Paige

Here are a few things to help you support your child in Year 1.

School is open from 8:40 and children need to be sat and ready to learn at 8:50. Please can you arrive as promptly as possible and school will **finish at 3.15pm**.

Water bottles – all children should bring in a named water bottle every day. We ask that all children bring in water **ONLY** to drink.

Snack – All Year 1 children will be offered a piece of fruit at playtime. There is no charge for this. Milk will be issued to those children who have paid for it. Please contact the office if you wish to sign up for milk. Breaktime snacks are healthy snacks (fruit or yogurt) and water only in water bottles.

Reading: Reading continues to be a priority in Year 1 as children build upon their Phonics knowledge and enjoy reading a range of books in class. Your child's Phonics teacher will send them home with a new Phonics book every week to develop fluency and confidence. They will also bring a book which you can read to or with your child. We encourage you to read together as much as possible. Please could you log any reading completed on 'Track my Read' every time your child reads to an adult. The office will send a link out to this electronically and your class teacher will send home your child's logging on details.

Maths - We are starting the year by recalling and consolidating knowledge learnt from key topics, whilst proceeding to introduce new learning. We will then be covering pattern and algebra, calculating, numbers and the number system.

PE

Our PE day is Thursday- Children must come into school in their PE uniform.

Please ensure all clothing is named.

PE Uniform: Black shorts/ leggings, white t-shirt, black hoodle / jumper, trainers

We would like to remind you that **no jewellery** should be worn for PE. Ears that are newly pierced may be **covered for the first 6 weeks** (we advise the use of micropore tape rather than plasters to cover ears). After this time, children must be able to remove earrings themselves or not wear them on PE days. This is part of our health and safety policy for all children.

Forest School: Every child will have the opportunity to do Forest School every other Wednesday. During this time Miss Southern will be on PPA. Please could you ensure your child has an extra pair of clothes to change into. Please also ensure that their clothes are suitable for all weathers.

Homework: Home learning tasks will be set each week. This will be sent home as a pack to begin with, which has instructions to follow inside. Spellings will be sent home to practise and will tie into your children's phonics level. These spellings will be the same for the half term. We appreciate your support with helping your child to complete these tasks.

1. Reading – a Phonics book and a Sharing Book- Reading diaries must be signed when the children have read at home. Reading diaries must be in school every day.
2. Walk and talk- topics of conversation or key questions each week to encourage discussion at home
3. Spellings practise

In terms of uniform, please ensure that all clothing is named or labelled to prevent jumpers etc being lost. Uniform needs to be appropriately worn (especially black school shoes). Please remind your children not to bring toys into school, we don't want to see toys lost, broken or ruined.

We hope that both you and your child to have the best experience at school and we will help in any way that we can to make this possible. Please feel free to talk to us at drop off and pick up times or alternatively you can contact us on the year 1 email address for you to contact us directly on with any queries or concerns.

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Thank you for your support and co-operation.

With warmest wishes,

Miss Southern

Year 1 Class Teacher

Y1	Autumn 1	
History		
Geography	My School	
Science	Seasonal changes	
English	Drawing club	



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RE	What do Christians believe God is like?	
PE	Multi-skills Yoga	
Art	Drawing; exploring line and shape	
DT		
Computing	Digital painting	
PSHE	My Healthy Self	
Music	Unit 1 Pulse	



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