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Welcome to Key Stage 1



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- **The purpose**

To provide information about the differences for you and your child between EYFS and KS1



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Transition from Early Years to Key Stage 1 - what to expect...



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Attendance and Punctuality

Gates open: 8.30am

Doors open: 8.40am

Gates close: 8.55am

Children to be dropped off at their classroom door and independently put their personal belongings away. Whilst waiting outside their classroom children must be accompanied by an adult.



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The Familiar Bits



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Homework

- Reading minimum 4 times a week
- Weekly spellings
- Maths homework
- Topic based projects each half term
- Phonics revision packs
- Additional homework available for children who request it



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Expectations

- Named uniform - school shoes **not** trainers.
- PE kit - PE is an important part of the curriculum. A red Chestnuts top is needed with dark bottoms.
- Earrings need to be removed before school or earring tape is to be provided.
- Reading records and water bottles to be in school daily.



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Breakfast Club

- Breakfast club is booked through the School Money system.
- St George's Road gate opens at 8am (bottom gate) until 8.15 when the gates are locked.
- Social time for children, helps readiness to learn.



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The New Bits



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Opportunities in class

- School councillor



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The Curriculum

- New Cornerstones Curriculum
- Time to get creative!
- 'The Chestnuts Way'
- 101 things to do at Chestnuts



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Morning Routines

- SODA
- English
- Break time
- Maths
- Read Write Inc - Phonics
- Lunch



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Break times

- There will be a morning break as normal Year 1 children will have an afternoon play but Year 2 will not.
- The children will receive a piece of fruit.
- Children are discouraged from play fighting, playing rough and gymnastics on the playground.



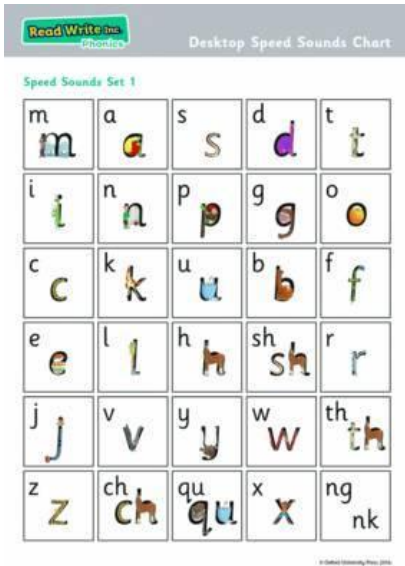
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Read Write Inc - Phonics



Children will begin to learn Set 2 and Set 3 sounds

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aROBV1zaFDM>



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Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

- Children in Year 1 throughout the country will be taking part in a phonics screening check during June.
- It is designed to confirm whether each child has learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills to the appropriate and expected standard.
- The test comprises of 40 words - 20 real words and 20 pseudo words (fake or alien words)
- A separate meeting will be held before Christmas looking at this in more detail



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Year 2 - SATs

- End of May (usually over 4 days)
- The children will sit two reading tests
- An arithmetic and problem solving maths tests.
- Optional Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar paper.
- Writing is then assessed over the year through teacher assessment.
- Results will be sent home in your child's school report.



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Other information

- The children have a locker to store their things in
- Please consider the size of the bag that your child brings to school as all their belongings do need to fit inside the locker ~ draw string bags are ideal for PE kits



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Pupil Premium

- £1300 per child to raise standards
- If in receipt of certain benefits then eligible for PP and free meals from Year 3 onwards



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How can I help my child at home?

- Read regularly with your child and discuss the text, characters and what has happened.
- Trips to the library
- Practise real life maths; making amounts of money, telling the time and measuring.
- Homework completion with your child.
- Consolidate learning in class which has been communicated through Marvellous Me and half termly newsletters.



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Useful phonics websites.

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

www.ictgames.com

www.topmarks.co.uk

www.oxfordowl.co.uk

www.mrthorne.com

www.oxfordphonicschecksupport.co.uk



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Any questions?

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact school.

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