



September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! I hope you have had a restful summer holiday. Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Reception this Autumn. The Autumn curriculum is all about settling in and setting expectations for learning. We always encourage children to extend their learning beyond the classroom and we welcome them to share this on Tapestry as this is always inspiring for everyone.



If you have concerns about your child's educational or social development, please contact the school office to make an appointment as the beginning of the school day can be busy.

Kind regards,

Mrs Miller

Class 1 Class Teacher

***The roots to grow, the wings to fly.
All within the love of God.***

Autumn 1 topic - Superhero Me! 		Autumn 2 topic - Celebrations! 	
<u>Daily expectations</u> <p>Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and a drink in school daily.</p> <p>Ensure their reading record and reading book is in their book bag. It is essential for them to read regularly at home and sign their record whenever you read together. Please also ensure the reading record is signed weekly.</p>	<u>Phonics</u> <p>The children will be starting their phonics journey through the Little Wandle programme. They will progress through the scheme learning phase 2 single sounds and diagraphs. Children will have daily phonics lessons in school to help support them to begin to read.</p>	<u>English</u> <p>In the autumn term the children will learn how to form letters correctly and spell words using their phonic knowledge. The children will develop their pencil grip and muscle strength for writing.</p> <p>'Book hooks' will be used to develop children's vocabulary and their oral storytelling. In the autumn, we will read a range of stories such as 'The Colour Monster Goes to School', 'Rama and Sita' and 'The Christmas Story' alongside other picture books to generate a love of reading.</p>	<u>Maths</u> <p>The children will focus on developing a strong sense of number to 5. They will develop 1 to 1 correspondence, an understanding of the composition of numbers and compare numbers. They will also understand simple properties of shapes and make patterns.</p>
<u>PE</u> <p>Class 1 have PE lessons on Tuesdays this term. Please note that Achieve for All will now deliver PE in school on Tuesdays. The focus of this term will be establishing routines for PE and travelling. Please ensure your child has their kit in school for these days and it is appropriate for the weather. The kit needed is navy blue shorts, a red t-shirt, and trainers. When the weather becomes cold, children will need to wear dark tracksuits and a dark jumper. Please note earrings need to be removed for PE.</p>	<u>Forest School</u> <p>Class 1 will have forest school every Monday. Please ensure your child has wellies, a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers and warm clothes to wear. As always, Forest School learning is play based and child initiated. The children are guided by their own interests and the adults present will support their needs wherever possible.</p>	<u>Expressive Arts and Design</u> <p>Reception will develop knowledge of sound, songs, music and instruments from the very beginning of the year. They will use songs, music and dance as a way of expressing themselves freely during their independent learning time. As part of their 'Superhero Me' topic children learn to paint self-portraits in the style of Andy Warhol. In Autumn 2 they learn how to correctly mix colours and print as they create firework scenes. Children will have access to a creative area where they design and make their own models.</p>	<u>Understanding the world</u> <p>The children will find out what makes them unique.</p> <p>They will understand the similarities and differences between themselves and others and share information about themselves such as special events in their family. They will learn about their new friends and school. In 'Celebrations' we will explore different celebrations such as Diwali and Christmas.</p> <p>They will also learn about the signs of autumn.</p>
<u>Religious Education</u> <p>Children will discuss their families and special events in their lives; they share how they celebrate events and</p>		<u>Personal, social and emotional development</u>	<u>Tapestry</u> <p>Keep a look out on Tapestry for WOW</p>

<p>begin to understand that there are differences between the way in which families live. They look at what makes themselves and their friends unique. In our 'Celebrations' topic the children learn about a range of cultures, religions and festivals, including the Hindu and Sikh festival of lights, Diwali.</p>	<p>The focus for the autumn term is relationships. Will be looking at families and friendships, safe relationships and respecting ourselves and others.</p>	<p>moments and key messages for Class 1.</p>
<p><u>Key Dates:</u> Monday 8th September 'Meet the teacher' from 3.30pm to 4.00pm Monday 8th September - Clubs start this week Wednesday 10th September CHURCH - Y6 Bible presentation Wednesday 17th September - Individual school photos Monday 22nd - Harvest Festival Rehearsal <i>TBC</i> Friday 26th September - Harvest Festival in church at 9.15am. Macmillan Coffee Morning in church after the service. Wednesday 1st October - CHURCH Friday 10th October - Rotary Club Swimathon at Quayside Leisure Centre 13th – 17th October 1 Cycle to school week 2025 Wednesday 15th October - Class 1 "Tell Me A Dragon" Workshops with Clive Pig Friday 17th October - Flu immunisations <i>time tbc</i> Wednesday 22nd October - TAG RUGBY FESTIVAL MODBURY Friday 24th October - BREAK-UP FOR HALF-TERM Monday 3rd November - BACK TO SCHOOL Wednesday 5th November - CHURCH Tuesday 11th November - Remembrance Service in church at 11.00am Friday 14th November - Children in Need Wednesday 3rd December - CHURCH Wednesday 3rd December - Cross Country at Malborough Saturday 4th December - Black Tie Ball fundraiser at the Harbour Beach Club Hotel for the school & RNLI. Details to follow. Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday 16th December - Christmas performances in Church. Times to be confirmed. Thursday 18th December - Christingle Service in church at 2.30pm Friday 19th December - LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM</p>		