



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026



Mole Class	Badger Class	Fox Class
Mrs Norman Ms Dunkley	Miss Cordery Miss Bhanot	Miss Manly
LSAs: Mrs Cherian, Mrs Jewel, Miss Jalo, Miss Richardson, Ms Wear, Mrs Cox, Mrs Linehan, Miss Walker, Ms Hussein, Miss Cooper, Mrs Swinburn, Mrs Warman, Ms Nagshband, Ms Nazarech		

Welcome to Year 1! We hope you had a wonderful summer and that your child is back to school and ready to learn!

Year 1 is the beginning of Key Stage 1 and therefore, the expectations of behaviour and learning are high. We welcome your support in the education of your child and we believe that working together will enable your child to effectively access the more challenging curriculum.

Home Learning

- We plan homework tasks very carefully to support and consolidate school learning. Therefore, it is vital that you support and encourage your child to complete the tasks set and communicate with their teacher if they have any problems doing so.
- For additional information on the Year 1 curriculum, please refer to the Long Term Curriculum Overview for Year 1.
- All maths overviews can be located on the school website.
- All home learning for online platforms will be set from week commencing 14th September 2026.
- Information on home learning projects will be sent out shortly with an expected due date.

- Mathematics



- Mathletics tasks will be assigned for home learning each Thursday which must be completed by the following Thursday. This will be linked to the maths learning in lessons that week.
- Maths Shed activities will also be set for your child, with a focus on number bonds and times tables. Please complete these weekly.

- English **Spelling Shed**

- Reading – Please ensure that your child reads their phonically matched reading book regularly on **Collins ebooks** and that this is recorded in their reading record. These books will be set online on a Friday. A sharing book will be sent home twice a week with the reading record on a Tuesday and Friday. This will be a book that you can enjoy reading to your child. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school every day.
- Spelling – A Spelling Shed activity will be set each day, linked to the phonics learning that day. Your child needs to spend 10 minutes each day practicing these spellings.

- Username and passwords are stuck in your child's reading record.**

PE Days & PE Kits

The expectation is that your child comes into school in their PE kit on PE days.

Please ensure each item of your child's PE kit is clearly labelled with their name and no jewellery is worn on PE days. Year 1 PE days are **Tuesday & Wednesday**.



Arbor



Please make sure you are signed up to Arbor and include at least two contact phone numbers in case of illness or emergency.

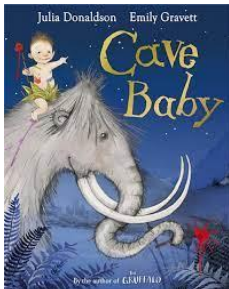
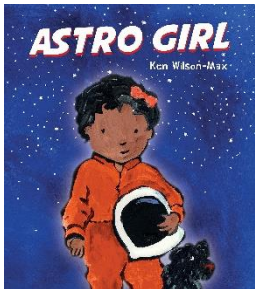
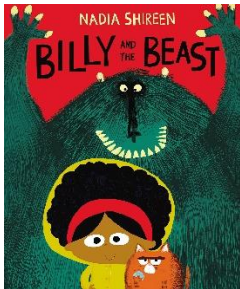
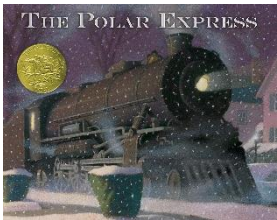
Please pre-order your child's lunches through Kanpla. This includes if your child is having packed lunch.

Important Dates

1 st September	INSET Day
23 rd September	EYFS & Yr1 phonics workshop
25 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
13 th & 14 th October	Parent/Carer Consultations
16 th October	Yr1 & Yr2 Share our Learning
16 th October	Mufti Day
16 th October	Last Day of Half Term
19 th -30 th October	Half Term
6 th November	Whole school flu vaccinations
7 th November	PTA Fireworks
11 th November	Remembrance Day
12 th November	Individual School Photos
16 th November	Odd Socks Day: Anti-Bullying Week
8 th - 10 th December	KS1 Nativity to parents
11 th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumpers
17 th December	Last Day of Term – Finish at 2pm
18 th December	INSET Day

More information on key school events such as parent consultations will follow.

At APPS, we follow the Literary Curriculum from Literacy Tree, which places quality literature at the core of English teaching. Below are the texts that Year 1 will study over the course of the term. If you are able to discuss the books with your child as we study them, it would really support their learning. All books are available from bookshops and local libraries. Please refer to the whole school text overview on the school's website for the texts studied in the spring and summer terms.

Autumn 1		Autumn 2	
Cave Baby by Julia Donaldson 	Astro Girl by Ken Wilson-Max 	Billy and the Beast by Nadia Shireen 	The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg 

Coming Soon: Celebration of Autumn Term Learning

For further information or queries, please check the school's website or twitter accounts.

Website: www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk Twitter: @Ashford_Park

Should you have any queries, please contact the office on info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk

We are very much looking forward to working with you to give your child the very best learning experience at APPS.

Year 1 Team