

## Diary Dates:

Mass of Welcome - 9<sup>th</sup>  
September 2.00pm

Youth Mental Health Day -  
18<sup>th</sup> September.

Parents Open Evening - 30<sup>th</sup>  
September 3.30-4.30pm.

Blessed Robert Widmerpool  
Feast Day CotW - 1<sup>st</sup>  
October 2.30pm.

Harvest Mass - 14<sup>th</sup>  
October 2pm.

Inset day - 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Remembrance Liturgy - 11<sup>th</sup>  
November 10.45am.

Anti-Bullying Week - 16<sup>th</sup>  
November.

Inset day - 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Year 1 Nativity - 7<sup>th</sup>  
December 2.00pm.

Christmas jumper day and  
carols around the tree - 15<sup>th</sup>  
December.

Advent Mass - 16<sup>th</sup>  
December 2.00pm

Achiever of the term  
assembly - Friday 18<sup>th</sup>  
December



# Welcome to Year 1

## Autumn Term 2026.

We would like to wish all the parents and children of Year 1 a very warm welcome! We hope that you all had a fabulous summer holiday and are ready for an exciting and busy school year ahead. We are all very much looking forward to the year and seeing you all grow. This year we are exploring many wonderful topics that will motivate, challenge and interest us throughout the autumn period.

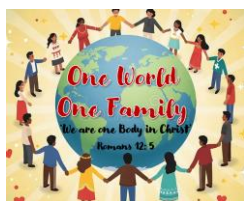
As ever RE is at the heart of our learning. This term our RE topics are the following:

- Creation and Covenant

We will learn that creation is a gift from God. We will talk about how God is always there, and how we can become closer to him through prayer. We will reflect on the opening words of the Creed and talk about what the words of Our Father mean to us.

- Prophecy and Promise

We will understand why stories in the bible are so important. We will learn why Mary is so significant to Christians. We will know the story of Visitation and of Jesus's birth and that the first words of the Hail Mary were said by the Angel Gabriel.



This year we have a wonderful new whole school theme of "One World, One Family" "We are one Body in Christ" Romans 12:5. Throughout the year we will encourage the children to think about how when we are together, We are Strong, We Belong and We Care.

### Topics we will cover this year:

**Maths:** Our focus this term is place value and number to 10 and 20, adding and subtracting to 10 and 20 and 2D and 3D shapes. **English:** During our English lessons we will explore the story of the Three Little Pigs in detail. We will learn to retell the story using Talk for Writing techniques. Our focus for the term will be handwriting, capital letters and full stops and writing in full sentences. **Science:** Our science lessons will focus on Everyday Materials. We will learn to distinguish between an object and the material it is made from. We will sort and describe materials. We will also explore animals including humans looking at what they need to survive, the different types of animals and the diets they have.

**Art:** We will be studying the works of Bridget Riley and using this as inspiration as we explore mark making. **History:** We will be finding out why Robin Hood was famous and of historical importance. **Geography:** We will be able to name and locate the UK on a map, recognise the human and physical features of the UK as well as know the months of the year and the seasonal changes we experience in the UK. **PE:** Children will learn to develop their agility, balance and coordination through dance and fitness and football.

### Reading Books

All children will be given a reading record, phonetically decodable book and library reading book. Reading books will be changed weekly and will be matched to your child's current reading ability. Please listen to your child read **every day** and write a comment in the reading record. The library book is one to share and enjoy together. Your child is not expected to read this independently.

Children must bring in their reading books every day. We have regular guided reading sessions and may record a comment in the reading record.

### PE

**Kit:** Please make sure that all PE items are labelled clearly. Due to health and safety reasons, all earrings must be removed for PE lessons. If children are unable to do this independently then please remove them before the school day.

#### **Inside PE:**

Children should wear white T-shirts and black shorts (no stripes or logos)

#### **Outside PE:**

During cold weather children should wear trainers or plimsoles, plain joggings bottoms or leggings and a plain sweatshirt or hoodie.

During the warm months children should wear a white T-shirt and black shorts.

Please ensure children have their PE kit in school; we will send it home half termly for washing.

### Homework

Homework tasks will be provided each **Wednesday**. Children will be given spellings to learn each week along with a math's or handwriting task or mini project.

Please support your child in these tasks as they will feed into our learning in the classroom.

Children will have a spelling test every Wednesday morning and results will be sent home at the end of the day Wednesday.

### Notices:

**Hair** - It is school policy that all hair longer than shoulder length must be tied up. Hair bobbles and headbands must be discreet and in school colours. No large bows or novelty hair bands please.

**Uniform** - Please ensure that all uniform is labelled clearly with your child's name. This will help us to ensure it is returned to you.

We are all looking forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming year and can't wait to support and guide them to grow and expand their knowledge and learning. If you do have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us either before or after the school day. Alternatively, please phone or email the office to arrange an appointment at a convenient time.

Mrs Hudson, Mrs Jones and Mrs Kennelly.