

# MEET THE TEACHER YEAR 1

## A warm welcome to our Year 1 parents

Here is some information about our school day,  
as well as some other important notes for you.

We hope you find it useful.

We are now part of a new federation of schools, which  
includes St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, Winchmore Hill.

Both schools will continue to work closely together.



**St Andrew's**  
Church of England Primary School



# — Year 1 Team

## **Teaching Team**

Mrs. Meekin (1B)

Mrs. Anderson (1W)

## **Support Staff Team**

Mrs. Demiragh

Ms. Lowe

Mrs. Okon-Williams



# — School Day

- We have a 'soft start' from 8:45 a.m. and the gates are closed at 8:55 a.m.
- We kindly request that mobile phones are not used at pick up and drop off times. This is in line with the Enfield 'Smartphone Free School' initiative which starts this September.
- We have registration at 8:55 a.m. and then go to Collective Worship.
- We have a 15-minute morning and afternoon break time, as well as an hour at lunchtime.
- We say a prayer before lunch and before the end of the day.
- Gates open at 3:25 p.m. and school finishes at 3:30 p.m.



# — Uniform Reminders

## **General**

We are a uniform-wearing school and all children are expected to wear the correct uniform every day.

## **Jewellery**

Apart from small gold or silver, round stud earrings in pierced ears, no jewellery should be worn in school. It is advisable to remove earrings on PE days. Nail varnish, make up and temporary tattoos should not be worn.

## **Hairstyles**

Long hair must be tied back. No patterns, lines or logos should be shaved into the hair. Please see the Uniform Policy for more details.



# — Our Curriculum

In Years 1 to 6, children are taught the National Curriculum, this includes;

- English
- Maths
- Science
- History & Geography
- Art & Design Technology
- Computing
- Music
- French (KS2 onwards)
- Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)
- Physical Education (PE)
- Religious Education (RE)

As a Church of England School,  
we follow the RE syllabus created by the London Diocesan Board.



# — Mental Health and Well-being

Pupils' emotional well-being forms a central part of our ethos school in and out of the classroom. We know that children learn best when they feel safe, calm and secure and have a trusted adult to go to, if needed. Some of the ways in which the school is championing well-being:

- We have a Senior Mental Health Lead to oversee our plan for supporting good mental health and well-being
- Our PSHE curriculum has been developed over the past two years and is overseen by our PSHE Leader. Themes include *Family and Relationships* and *Health and Well-being*
- PSHE lessons are taught weekly
- Circle time sessions also happen regularly in all classes
- Mindfulness techniques are taught and used to help to restore focus and calm
- 1:1 or small group targeted interventions offer support to key children
- We work closely with organisations such as MYME (My Young Minds Enfield)



# Attendance

We all know that good attendance is essential for all children to have the best chance of success now and later in life.

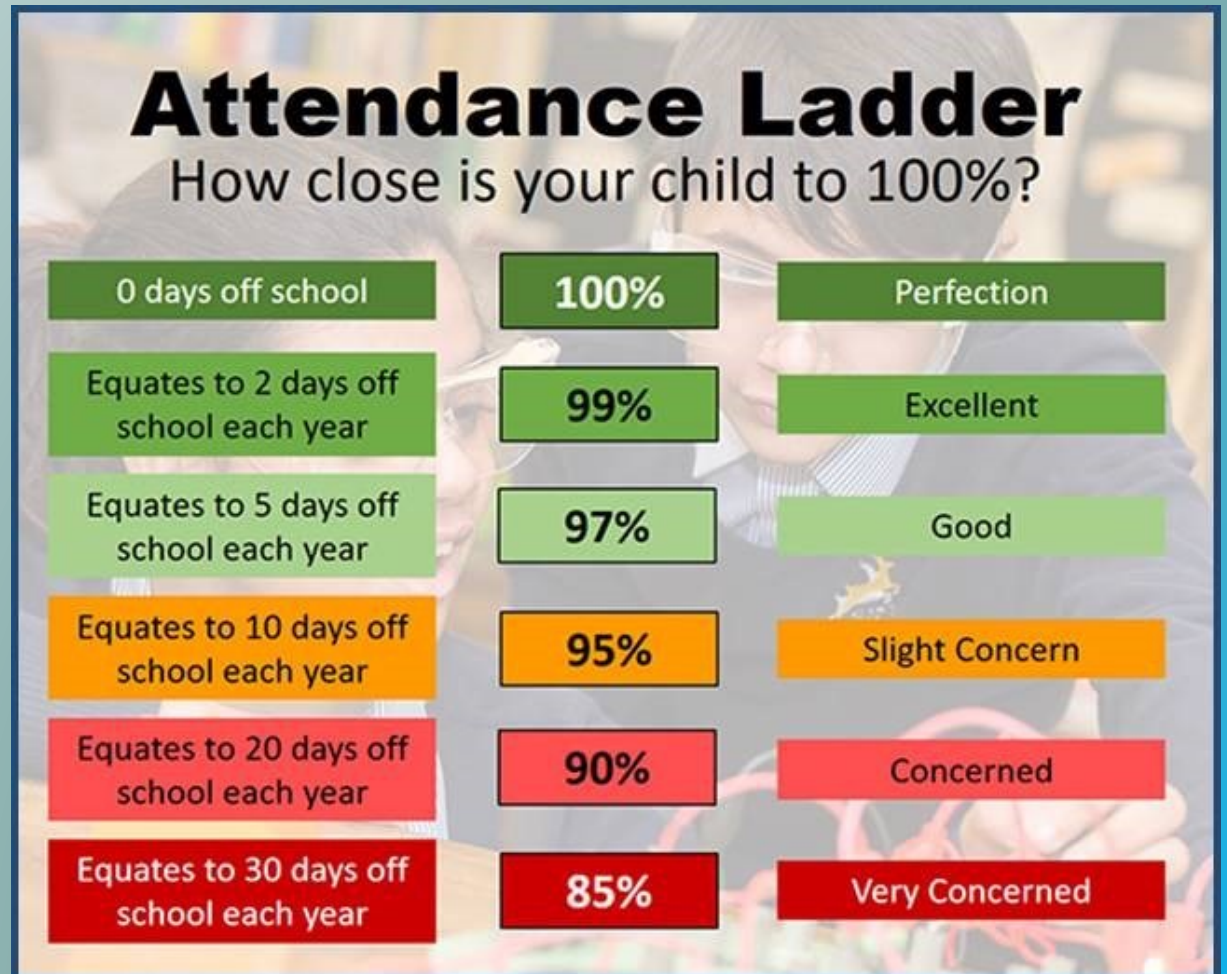
Attendance at school is compulsory and is monitored very closely.

If your child is absent even for one day a week, they miss:

**1 opportunity** to gather with the whole school in Collective Worship.

**3 opportunities** to play with friends in the playground.

**4 to 5 lessons** of learning.



# Reading

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## Reading at home

At St. Andrew's School, we know how important it is for children to read and share stories and books at home. Therefore, we expect parents to support their child with reading every day.

## Reading in Year 1

We have two different books for you to share with your child each week.

**Reading practice books:** aligned with our current phonics teaching and will have been shared with an adult at school. These books are shared as eBooks on the Collins Hub and are a real chance for your children to show off their developing confidence and fluency.

**Sharing books:** these are free choice books from the selection available in the Classroom. These may be books that are currently above your child's current independent reading level but are to promote the pleasure of a 'shared' reading experience.



# Recommended Reads



50 Recommended Reads for...  
**Year 1** (ages 5-6)

2025-2026 Booklist





















































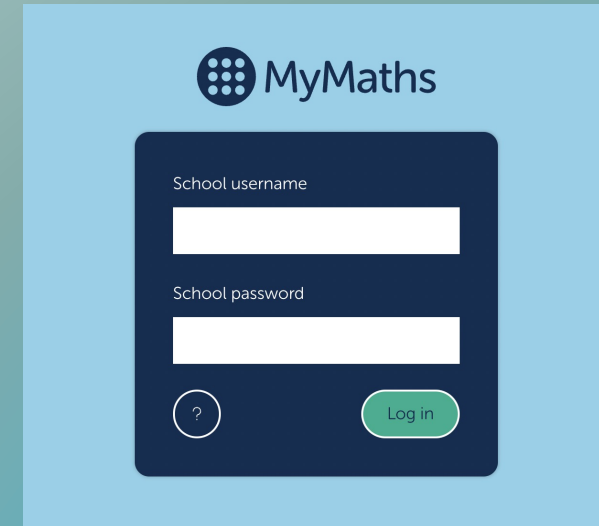

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Or visit [www.booksfortopics.com/year-1](http://www.booksfortopics.com/year-1) to find the online booklist, book pack, reviews and resources

Find booklists by age or topic at [booksfortopics.com](http://booksfortopics.com)



# Homework Platforms



# — Homework

In addition to daily reading, homework will be set once a week on Microsoft Teams. Your child will have their own log in for this. Please see the class teacher if your child is unable to log on.

Maths, English or another area of the curriculum will be set to support work already undertaken in class or as a pre-learning knowledge gatherer. The task may involve the use the **Purple Mash**, **MyMaths** and **TT RockStars** platforms but will always be detailed on **Teams**. If your child has a question about the homework, he/she can see the teacher on the Monday. Please do not message on Teams, as this facility is not always checked.

**Homework is set on Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday.**

Please speak to the class teacher if you have queries about homework.



# — Enrichment Activities

At St. Andrew's all children take part in a wide range of in school and off site experiences. Last year, there were over 40 trips, events or workshops across the school. Such events will include:

- Local visits linked to curriculum areas
- Visits to the local area and London
- Use of the school grounds for fieldwork in science and geography
- Songsack for Y1 in the Spring term
- Year 1 Christmas Performance
- Class buddy system with Year 5 children
- Extra-curricular clubs run by outside providers
- Lunchtime and after school clubs run by staff - details to follow this term.
- Themed days/weeks such as RE Day, Parliament Week and Arts Week



# — Being Active

## **Outdoor PE**

Outdoor PE takes place on Tuesdays, with Coach Kymani. Kymani Nelson is well known to the children, and he works across the school, in all year groups. Children come to school in their PE kit on Tuesday.

## **Indoor PE**

Indoor PE takes place on Fridays this term.



# — Communication

**Drop off and pick up times** If you need to pass on a message, members of the Senior Leadership Team or other members of staff are available outside on the playground.

**Medicine** Must always be handed to the office and a form completed.

**School office** Please email or call to give messages during the school day.

**School website** This is updated regularly and includes the school calendar.

**Newsletters** Our fortnightly newsletter is available to read on the website.

**Curriculum letters** These are emailed and uploaded onto the website.

These will give parents further information about what is being taught in each subject.



# — Helping with Fundraising



## **Annual maintenance contribution**

All parents who join St. Andrew's School understand that the Governing Board requests **an annual contribution of £35** per child, to help maintain our buildings, boilers, roofs and other costly refurbishments and repairs. We really do need every parent to pay this contribution, so that we can maintain our buildings. Payment is made via ParentPay and can be paid in instalments or in full.

**Join our amazing PTA** The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help raise much needed funds for the school. Their hard work has enabled the school to purchase much needed equipment, as well as the stunning wall art installations and new playground items.

**Sign up to easyfundraising** If you shop online by registering with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) you automatically raise money for the school, every time you spend. It doesn't cost you a penny either!

**Sign up to Asda's new Cashpot for Schools App** to your phone and type in the school postcode to start donating.