

September 2025

Dear All

Welcome to all our new children and their families, and welcome back to our Year 1 children and their families. We are delighted with the way the children have come into school and they are already forming new friendships. A great start! Mrs Morley will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with Ms Stenhouse teaching on Wednesdays. We are supported by Mrs Ravlov, Mrs Jephson and Mrs Perez. If you have any questions, please catch us (this is easier at the end of the day after the children have been dismissed) or email us at robin@stpauls.cambs.sch.uk. If the message is urgent please contact the office as we are not able to check emails regularly through the day.

Over the next few weeks, the Reception Robins will have the opportunity to explore the school and meet other people around school, including the Year 6 buddies who will come and play with them during the lunchtime play. The Year 1 Robins are already settling into their new routines, with a mix of class based, year group based and Y1/Y2 based activities.

Curriculum

For more information about our topics this term please see the attached Topic Webs. The Year 1 Robins will be finding out how diverse our world is and who Grace Darling was. The Reception Robins topic is 'Getting to Know You' and part of that will be talking about our families. It would be helpful if you could send a family photo in with your child for them to share with us. If this is not possible, please don't worry, perhaps they could draw a picture and label it, with your help. We are also planning to create a mystery box. The children will bring it home and should return it the next day with something special inside. The idea is that they don't tell anyone what is inside so we can ask them questions and see if we can discover the contents! This is a great activity to stimulate conversation and develop questioning skills.

Reading

Sharing books together is a really important part of your child's journey towards being a fluent reader. Please take the time to do this regularly, ideally every day. Reading folders will soon come home. We send home both 'I read' and 'You read' books (initially just 'You read' books for the Reception Robins). Please record the title of the books in the Reading Record and mark in the book when you have read together. The reading folders should come to school every day, so that they can be changed (usually once a week). There are also some phonic based activities in the Reading Records that link to our learning in school. Please complete these at home to reinforce the children's learning.

Home Learning

As well as reading every day, the Year 1s will receive logins to Numbots/Timestable Rockstars. This will enable them to practice their mental maths skills.

The attached home learning grid has some further ideas to support your child's learning at home. Please encourage your child to share their work with us in school.

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PE

Our PE lessons will take place on Tuesday and Thursday. Please could the children come to school in their PE kit on those days. The PE kit consists of:

- a plain white T-shirt
- plain navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- trainers or plimsolls

Children should then wear their school jumper on top of their PE kit.

Jewellery and nail varnish must not be worn in school, with the exception being watches and stud earrings. These must be removed during PE lessons and long hair must be tied up. If your child cannot remove earrings themselves, please leave them at home on PE days.

Please make sure all of your child's clothing is clearly named.

Lunch

To save time in school, please make sure you select your child's lunch choices at home. This can be completed ahead of time (and up to Christmas), if you find that easier than remembering each day.

Changes to collection

Please let the office know if someone different is collecting your child. We cannot allow the children to go home with a different adult unless it has been pre-arranged.

We are really looking forward to an exciting term together.

Best Wishes

Mrs Morley and Ms Stenhouse