

September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Rabbit Class! We hope you've had a good summer and that your child is ready to have a great year. This letter is designed to introduce you to some important information about the year ahead, so that you can help your child to settle in and have a really positive year. Mrs Towler Brown teaches Rabbit Class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday mornings, Mrs Strong teaches Thursday afternoons and Mrs Mezits teaches on Fridays.

Curriculum this term

We will be starting with a Geography topic: 'Where do we live?' Later this half term we will begin our History topic: 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. Information about these topics and all subjects are outlined in the accompanying topic web.

Homework

This year we are providing your child with a homework folder. This folder is for your child's reading book, their reading record and a green card with homework expectations on one side and your child's logins for the sites they need to access.

We request that your child brings their homework folder in every day - this is to ensure that reading books are changed when needed.

- **Maths** – This year we will be using a combination of Numbots and Timestable Rockstars. The expectation is for your child to do this three times a week for 15 minutes. In addition to this, times tables will also be given to learn by Mrs Towler Brown. This will be fortnightly as the children will be tested twice; the first week they will be tested in order and the second week out of order. Times table tests will be on Wednesdays. Your child will come home with their first times table homework on **Wednesday 24th September**.
- **Spelling** - We are continuing to use the Spelling Shed website. The expectation is for your child to do this three times a week for 15 minutes.
- **Home Learning Ideas** - These activities will provide a menu of possible extensions for your child to carry on with their learning at home. They do not need to be 'handed in' formally, but please do encourage your child to share their efforts with us if they would like to.
- **Reading** – Children are expected to read every day for a minimum of ten minutes. We ask parents to initial their child's reading record each day and there is a space for parents to communicate any comments, concerns or questions. There is also an activity each week for your child to complete in their reading record. We will regularly monitor the children's reading records.

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P.E. Kits and Uniform

In order to enable the children to use the full PE sessions each week for physical activity, the children will come to school wearing their PE kits on their PE days and wear their kit for the whole school day.

Please send your child to school in their PE kit on: **Mondays and Wednesdays.** They do not need their normal school uniform on these days.

All children must have their own PE kit. Long hair needs to be tied back and any earrings removed. For health and safety reasons, we are unable to help the children with the removal of earrings so please support them in learning how to remove them. If necessary, they can be inserted by you after school.

P.E. Uniform

- plain white t-shirt (not a polo)
- plain navy blue or black shorts
- plain navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms for winter outdoor lessons
- normal school jumper/cardigan
- trainers

Football shirts and sports jumpers are **not part** of our PE kit.

School uniform

- a grey skirt, pinafore dress or trousers or shorts (no leggings, jeans or tracksuit bottoms)
- a royal blue check dress can be worn for the summer
- a white shirt or a white or royal blue polo-shirt
- a royal blue sweatshirt, zip-through, V-neck sweater or cardigan
*preferably with the school logo
- black shoes (no shoes should have high heels)
- for girls: white or grey socks or tights, for boys: grey socks

Jewellery and nail varnish must not be worn in school. The only exceptions are watches and studs for pierced ears or medical bracelets. These items must be removed during lessons involving physical exercise.

Please ensure that your child's name is on every item of clothing.

Lunches

Your child is welcome to either book a school lunch with SchoolGrid or bring their own packed lunch. It saves a lot of time in school if you are able to log your child's lunch choices before school. You are able to make a term's decision at a time so you can log in now and do all the choices until the end of

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the term! If you have forgotten or misplaced your login details, please contact the office who can provide you with new details.

Water Bottles

The school provides every child with a water bottle but if your preference is to provide one from home that is okay, just ensure that it is named.

Snack

Children may bring in a **healthy** snack at playtimes, which is usually a piece of fruit or vegetable. Please remember we are a nut and sesame free school, please consider all items your child brings in to eat as nut and sesame products are in many things you might not realise: sesame topped bread, sesame rolled sushi, Kinder Bueno products, Nutella products, many humus products contain sesame oil. Many thanks for your support protecting our children.

Equipment

It is not necessary for the children to bring pencil cases to school as they have been provided with one with all the stationery that they need.

Parent and Staff Communication - Please hand any notes to us in the mornings. We must be informed if your child is going home with someone else on a particular day, unless it is a regular arrangement that we are already aware of. We will not allow any child to leave with any other adult, including extended family members, unless you have informed us. Please speak to us if you have any concerns or queries or contact the office who will forward your message to us. Their email address is office@stpauls.cambs.sch.uk.

We have had a fantastic start to the year with the class; learning lots already and we look forward to providing your child with a year of challenging, exciting and engaging learning.

Kind regards,
Mrs Towler Brown, Mrs Strong & Mrs Mezits