



# Year 1 News

## Autumn Term

September  
2026

Welcome to Year 1! We have had a lovely start to the new school year and have really enjoyed getting to know the children. They are already beginning to settle into their new routines, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning and experiences we will share together this term.

### Our Learning

In **Literacy**, we have started the term with *The Lighthouse Keeper's Mystery*, where we will be rewriting the story and learning about nouns and adjectives in sentences. We will also be exploring a variety of books, including *The Everywhere Bear*, *Paddington* and *Oliver's Vegetables*. Throughout the term, we will continue to develop the key foundations of writing, with a particular focus on letter formation and the key features of a sentence.

In **Math's**, we will be developing a range of mathematical skills, including place value, addition and subtraction, and properties of shapes. We want the children to develop confidence and enjoyment in Maths, so there will be lots of fun, practical opportunities to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem-solving skills.

Our **Science** topics this term will be *Materials* and, later in the term, *Animals, Including Humans*, where we will learn about the human body and explore our five senses.

In **Geography**, our topic is *Our Local Area and Mapping*. During Autumn 2, we will go on a local area walk to support the children's learning and give them an opportunity to put their mapping skills into practice. We will share more information nearer the time and will also be asking for parent/carers volunteers to join us.

Our **History** topic this term is *Toys Throughout Time*. We will explore how toys have changed over time, looking at toys from different periods, including the Victorian era, and comparing them with the toys children play with today.

## PE

Our PE days are **Tuesday and Thursday**.

Please send your child's PE kit into school **every Monday** so that it is available for the week. PE kits will be sent home **every Friday** to be washed and should be returned to school the following Monday.

PE kit should consist of black shorts, a white T-shirt and trainers. During colder weather, children can also bring black jogging trousers or leggings and a plain hoody or sweatshirt.

Please ensure that **all items of PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name**, including their PE bag.

## Forest School

Forest School will take place every **Monday afternoon** with Miss Berry. The two Year 1 classes will attend on alternate weeks.

The first sessions will be:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September – 1H**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September – 1G**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September – 1H**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September – 1G**

The classes will then continue to alternate each Monday.

As Forest School takes place outdoors in all weathers, please make sure your child brings a **named pair of wellies**, a **coat that can get wet and muddy**, and a **spare pair of socks** on their Forest School Day. Children can also bring named waterproofs if they have them. We have spare waterproof sets available at school.

## Forest School Checklist

- ☐ Named wellies
- ☐ Coat that can get wet and muddy
- ☐ Spare pair of socks

☐ Named waterproofs (if available)

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Home Learning

All home learning will be shared through **Google Classroom**. Please make sure you have your notifications turned on so that you do not miss any homework or important updates.

## Reading

Please continue to **read with your child daily** and make a comment in their reading record.

Children will bring home their **Little Wandle reading book** each week. Please encourage your child to read this book regularly at home to help develop their fluency, confidence and enjoyment of reading.

Please ensure that Little Wandle reading books and reading records are returned to school **every Thursday**, ready for books to be changed.

## Phonics

Each week, we will share the phonemes, tricky words and sentences that the children have been learning in their **Little Wandle phonics sessions** on Google Classroom.

Please spend some time revisiting these with your child at home. Regular practice will help to consolidate what they have learnt in school that week.

## Maths

Each week, children will be set a **MyMaths** activity linked to the Maths learning they have completed in school. Details of the weekly activity will be shared through Google Classroom.

## Spellings

Weekly **spellings** will be shared on Google Classroom for children to practise at home. We will informally check these spellings in class each Friday.

## Handwriting

In school, we practise correctly forming different groups of letters each week. Any handwriting activities for additional practice at home will be shared through Google Classroom.

## School Trips and Experiences

We use a '**pay as you go**' method for school trips, workshops and other experiences, which can be paid for via MCAS. We would be grateful if payments could be made promptly once you receive the relevant information, as this helps us to secure the exciting trips, workshops and theatre groups planned throughout the year.

## Uniform

We would like to take this opportunity to stress how important it is for all children to wear the correct school uniform. Your child's PE kit should be in school on **Monday**, they will then return it on Friday. Please remember that all school uniform and equipment should be named (including lunch boxes and water bottles please!).

## Keeping in Touch

Please make sure you have your **Google Classroom notifications turned on**, as we will use this to share important information and updates.

We are available at the end of the day for any quick queries you may have, otherwise please contact us via **Google Classroom**. We will respond within **three working days**. If your matter is urgent, please email the school office at [deansfield@compassps.uk](mailto:deansfield@compassps.uk).

Please do not hesitate to speak to us if you have any questions or concerns. Teaching assistants will be at the classroom gates in the mornings and can pass messages on to us, and we will be outside at home time if you would like to speak to us.

If you are unable to catch us in person, we are also always happy to arrange a phone call.

Thank you for your continued support. We are really looking forward to a happy, exciting and successful year in Year 1!

**Mrs H and Mrs Hopper**