



KS1 Newsletter: Term 5 April - May 2025

Sycamore

Magnolia

Hawthorn

Hazel

Holly



Welcome back

We hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to an exciting new term.

Theme - Marvellous Minibeasts

Our theme this term is 'Marvellous Minibeasts.' We will be learning all about minibeasts and their lifecycles. We will also enjoy spotting minibeasts around the school in their different habitats.

Reading

Please continue to read regularly with your child (at least 3x per week) and write in their yellow reading diaries. Remember sharing a story is equally as important as children reading to you. We aim for all children to be read with by a Teacher or TA each week either individually or in a group. We also have 10 minutes daily where children read their decodable book in their book bag independently, so please ensure book bags are in school every day. We actively encourage re-reading books and suggest that books should be read at least 3-5 times as this is proven to help reading development. Children will change books when they are reading the text with fluency and prosody which means sometimes children will keep a given book for increased periods.

Year 2 SATS

This term the majority of Year 2s will be sitting the 'Statutory Attainment Tests' (SATS). In the academic year 2023-2024 these became non-statutory for schools however we use these tests to inform our teacher assessment for the end of KS1. These will be carried out like any other assessment opportunity. Teachers try not to cause the children any undue anxiety and refer to them as 'quizzes' rather than tests and are a chance to 'show off' their learning. A lot of work in class and the homework we have been posting on our website has already prepared them. **All families were sent further information about this via email just before the Easter break.** There is more information on our website under the KS1 tab.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

During this term Year 1 children (and Year 2 children retaking) will continue to practise for the Phonics Screening Check (which takes place early in Term 6). Individually they will read a set of 40 decodable words to a familiar adult. The 40 words will consist of real and 'alien' words. 'Alien words' are words which are decodable but are not real, they are accompanied by a picture of an alien. There is more information on our website here:

<https://www.paultoninfantschool.co.uk/reading>

Clothing

The weather is still quite changeable at the moment, so please continue to ensure that children come to school with a hat, sun cream and a coat if it is likely to rain. Please make sure these items are named.

PE Days

Children should come to school in PE kit uniform on their PE days (weather appropriate) - white t-shirts, blue or grey shorts or joggers and jumper/hoody with daps or trainers. PE will take place outside as much as possible.

- Hawthorn - Wednesday and Thursday
- Hazel - Monday and Wednesday
- Magnolia - Monday and Friday
- Sycamore - Tuesday and Wednesday
- Holly - Friday (with PE coach and an afternoon session with their afternoon class)

Forest School dates

Tuesday - Holly class children

Please wear clothes suitable for Forest School and bring wellies. Bring school clothes to get changed into afterwards. The site can get very muddy, please send your child to Forest School in clothes which can get muddy.

Clubs

After school clubs will run this term, offering a range of exciting extra-curricular opportunities!

Dates for your diary

Week 1 Monday 21st April - Bank holiday (no school)
Tuesday 22nd April - Return to school

Week 2 Friday 2nd May - Open Door Friday

Week 3 Monday 5th May - Bank holiday (no school)

Week 4 Monday 12th May - KS1 Stay and Read
Tuesday 13th May - Class photos and Year 2 leavers photos

Friday 16th May - Open Door Friday

Week 5

Monday 19th May - Fun run

Friday 23rd May - Last day of Term 5

Term 6 starts on Monday 2nd June

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Butcher, Mrs Tanner, Mrs Coles, Miss Light,
Miss Porter & Mrs Smith.