

Welcome to Year 1

Information Session for Parents and Carers

Monday 14th September 2026

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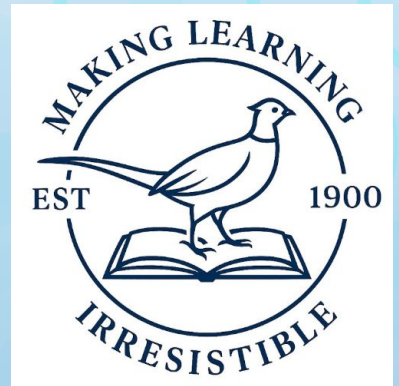
In Year 1 we are:

Scarlet Class: H Dean
C Del Corso (PPA Cover)

Crimson Class: A Wilson
C Del Corso (Thursday)
K Kowalska (PPA Cover)

Year Group Teaching Assistant Team: B Wojciechowska
C Wuensche
A Bromell

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Topics this year:

- Autumn 1 Amazing Animals
- Autumn 2 Toys from the Past
- Spring 1 & 2 Wonderful World
- Summer 1 Stones and Bones
- Summer 2 Treemendous Tales

Financial assistance may be available for trips/visits, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.

Every Day Attendance

- Children arrive at school at 8:40, ready to come into school at 8:45 when the gates will be closed. Teachers take the register at 8:45.
- Punctual arrival is important, as teaching starts promptly - aim for 100% attendance!
Did you know...?

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Every Day Attendance

- Please inform the School Office if your child is unwell on the morning of the illness (email or phone message).
- **NHS** recommendation: it's fine for children to attend school with a cough or cold if they do not otherwise feel unwell or have a high temperature.

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS

- **48 hours** is needed before returning to school following diarrhoea and/or vomiting bugs.

Every Day Attendance

- Medication: avoid dosage in school if possible. Most 3x day dosages can be taken straight after school. Any prescribed or OTC medication brought in must be in the original packaging, in a named bag and handed in to the Office - **there is a form to complete.**
- Term time absence, other than illness, is only authorised by the Head Teacher in exceptional circumstances - see Attendance Policy (on the website).
- ***We want children in school and on time so that they are engaged, included and learning!***

Asthma & Allergies

- Do not send in nuts or nut products (including Nutella type spreads) as part of snacks or packed lunches - we have a number of children and staff with life-threatening allergies.
- Inhalers & spacers should be named and in a bag (for hygiene reasons). They are kept in a central place in class. **An asthma card must be completed.**
- Epi-pens should be in date, in a named container and handed to the School Office with the protocol.
- **It is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure inhalers and auto-injectors are in date and in school.**

See our Medicines in School policy on the school website

Year 1 Essentials: Every Day

- Water bottles should be brought into school daily. Children can refill them in school as needed and must take them home to clean at the end of the day - **water only please, no squash, juice or fizzy drinks.**
- Clothing suitable for the weather and activities: coat (hats & gloves in winter) and sensible shoes for outdoor playtimes.
- Book bag: Reading book & Reading Record DAILY!



Year 1 Essentials: Every Day

Please **do not** bring in:

- Show and tell items unless requested as part of a project or home learning task.
- Pencil cases - all stationery is provided.
- Toys, *including collector cards*.
- Jewellery (small studs only for pierced ears).
- EY and KS1 have free fruit/veg snacks, no need to send in a snack for break time.

Year 1 Essentials: Lunches

- EY / KS1 have 'universal free school meals'
- **Eligibility for Free School Meals has changed** - you may now be able to access free school meals if you are in receipt of Universal Credit.
- Please check your eligibility (even if in EY/KS1) as the school gets additional funding according to numbers of children in receipt of FSM.

[Free school meals | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

- **Order from Aspens directly via Swiftpay.** Please order in advance, children eat better when they have discussed their preferences. If no order then children get a 'low-allergen' meal (jacket potato & beans).
- **Packed Lunches - no nuts,** fizzy drinks, sweets etc - think healthy!

Year 1 Essentials: Every Day

Morley PE Kit

- **NO Jewellery.**
- White T-shirt
- Navy shorts and joggers and sweatshirt,
- Trainers or plimsolls.
- **NAMED PLEASE**
- Please take home to wash regularly.

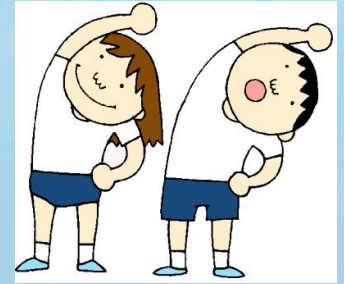
KS1 Year 1 Essentials: PE kits

Children in KS1 change for PE in class.

Our PE days are on:

Scarlet - Tuesday and Fridays

Crimson - Wednesday and Fridays



Long hair must be tied back, so come prepared with a hair band in kits.

Jewellery should not be worn in school.

Earrings - Children must be able to remove their earrings themselves, or cover with micropore tape (not masking tape) which you must provide.

Year 1 General



Letters and notices:

Most information will be via Arbor.

Please make sure your details are correct.

Check the weekly newsletter for key information and the class page on the website for general year group information.

Birthdays:

Most families do not send anything in to celebrate birthdays. However, should you wish to, please no sweets or food, but consider something useful/enjoyable such as a small game or a book for the class. ***There is no requirement for this!***

Year 1 Essentials: Helping at Home

At Morley Memorial Primary School we see home learning as an opportunity for children to practise skills, develop independence, consolidate and reinforce learning and as an avenue for children to pursue interests and be creative.

Home learning also provides unique opportunities for family learning and collaboration.

Please support your child to complete tasks in their own way in order that they develop our positive learning dispositions at home and at school:

Motivation Curiosity Courage

Collaboration Resilience Reflection

Year 1 Essentials: Helping at Home

We believe every child has the right to a childhood, opportunities to play and explore and time to develop their talents and interests. We therefore try to keep home learning to a level which allows an appropriate balance.



We will assign home learning where there will be benefits to children's learning rather than to fulfill an expectation of a particular number of hours a week. This approach we believe promotes effective home learning with activities which are meaningful and increase children's engagement and achievement.

Having said this, frequent (daily) reading and practice of number facts is crucial if children are to make good progress and develop key, basic skills.

Year 1 Essentials: Home Learning

In Year 1, our Home Learning tasks **will always include:**

- Regular (daily) reading – remember the Reading Record book!
- Practising phonic letter patterns
- Spelling of keywords for our year group
- Maths fluency practice

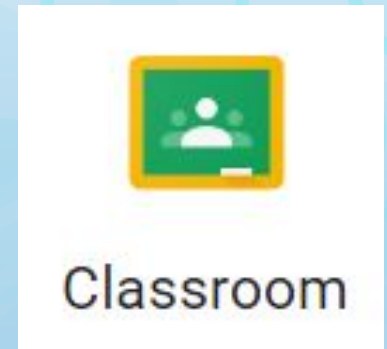
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Home learning in KS1 **may also include** tasks such as:

- Writing short passages or finding out more about a topic
- Handwriting practice linked with learning in class
- Creating artefacts, models or artwork related to topics
- Learning a story using actions
- Consolidation and revision activities based on what has been learnt in class

Google Classroom

Home Learning information and tasks are shared via Google Classroom.



In Year 1 Home learning will be shared on Friday.

Google Classroom provides great opportunities for collaborative learning and the sharing of online information.

In KS1 children are still learning about using IT and will need your time to supervise and support them to access online learning tasks. We will include instructions for adults as part of the GClassroom post, please ask if you need more information. Children are able to post comments. If you, as a parent or carer, need to contact the teacher please email the school office in the usual way.

Please see the e-safety information on our school website:
www.morley.cambs.sch.uk/e-safety-for-parents/

Communication

End of the day is probably the best time for you to talk to us for quick messages.

Otherwise an email to office@morley.cambs.sch.uk will get to us.

For longer conversations an appointment may be needed, again, an email via the office is the best way to request an appointment.

Support for parents and carers

We can offer guidance regarding your child's education.
For issues related to home life, e.g. behaviour, sleep, sibling rivalry - other more appropriate support is available:

Education Inclusion Family Advisor
Saffron Woodbridge-Pearson

Contact me directly on
saffron.woodbridge-pearson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
or call 07435753391.



[SEND support](#)

Mellow Mondays

9.00 – 11.00am
Every Monday
(term time only)

Clay Farm Centre
The Byron room (1st floor)
Trumpington
CB2 9FN

Talk it Through Thursdays

9am - 11 am
Every Thursday
(term time only)



The Family Centre
Fisher's Lane
Cherry Hinton
CB1 9HR

Frazzled Fridays

8.30 – 11.00am
Every Friday
(term time only)

Barnwell Road Library
Barnwell Road
Cambridge
CB5 8RG

Free term-time support from The Acorn Project - no need to book.

How Are You Cambridge

[How Are You Cambridge? | Support](#)



Thank you for all your support!

Home/school communication is key to children's success: when children know that all adults around them are working together with the same aims then they feel secure and are more likely to succeed.



- General questions?
- For individual queries please email via the office office@morley.cambs.sch.uk

Finally - Links on the website:

- Link to this presentation (by the end of the week)
- Tips for reading
- Maths, Reading and Writing Age Related Expectations (Target Tracker)
- Year 1 high frequency words spelling list
- Penpals handwriting example
- Phonics for Year 1
- Curriculum descriptors (termly)

THANK YOU!