



John Blandy Primary School

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 1 and Year 2, also known as Key Stage One. We are very excited to see the children back in school again and we hope you all had a lovely summer break!

Staff

We have Miss Hicks in Elm, Mr Coard in Horse Chestnut and Miss Owen and Mrs Bushnell in Rowan. Mrs Stanley and Miss Green will be covering PPA time across the classes.

Curriculum

We are very excited about our books for the forthcoming term. We will begin with the story 'The Colour Monster' and this will link with our broad and balanced curriculum such as PSHE where links with transition will be made. Please see the curriculum overview attached for more detailed information about the work and activities we will cover this term.

For pupils in Year 1, we aim to make the transition from reception a seamless experience; therefore, there will still be opportunities for your child to learn through play (enhanced provision). In Year 2, we aim to build upon the great learning journey the children embarked on last year, continuing to extend their knowledge and experiences to date.

Water Bottles and PE kit

Each day your child needs to have a **clearly named water bottle** so that they may have easy access to drinking water throughout the day. Please also ensure that all **school uniform and PE kit is clearly named** so that children and staff know who they belong to. Please note children should wear for PE:

- trainers (no laces, unless they can tie these themselves)
- Plain black leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- a plain white t-shirt, a black or blue jumper/hoodie (no logos) or their school jumper/cardigan

Please can P.E kits stay in school, and we will send them home during the breaks.

PE Days

The children will have PE twice a week. We aim to have an indoor PE session and an outdoor one for the second slot. The days are listed below for each class but please be mindful that this may change at any time eg due to weather conditions.

Elm – Monday and Friday

Horse Chestnut – Tuesday and Wednesday

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Rowan – Monday and Friday

Break time and snacks

Government funded healthy snacks are offered to the children at school to help fuel their learning between breakfast and lunchtime. You are more than welcome to provide an additional snack, if you wish, to supplement or have instead during the morning break. It is important that this is either a piece of fruit (including dried fruit), some vegetables, crackers or cereal bars provided these are nut free. Any questions, please ask adults within the class or contact the school office.

Homework

The children have spellings and maths homework each week which they **receive on a Wednesday** and should be **handed in on Monday** the following week. Children are tested on their spellings and number work every Monday each week.

Children are encouraged to **read daily** with an adult at home, to consolidate their reading and phonics skills. We expect the children to read at least 5 times a week. Please have daily discussions with the children about their reading to support their learning and use the homework book to record your child's reading, commenting on the book and pages read. Do feel free to make a comment on how well they have read as it is helpful to have this communication from you as these along with homework is checked each week. Please make sure the reading books are looked after to avoid incurring a book replacement charge.

Thank you for your continued support, and **we look forward to seeing you at our virtual Meet the Teacher at 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm on Wednesday 9th September** where we will discuss the contents of this letter in more detail. The link to the meeting will be emailed to you at the start of next week.

Kind regards,

The KS1 Team (Elm, Horse Chestnut and Rowan)

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