

Our School Day

In Year 1, children will enter through the Villa Vic gate between **8:40am** and **8:50am**, and are to be collected at **3:10pm**.

Please ensure children arrive and are picked up promptly. If they have siblings, they will collect them from their classrooms (if their siblings are younger) or wait to be collected (if the siblings are older).

Uniform Policy

Please ensure children are coming into school in their correct uniform, the school uniform policy (including PE) can be found on the school website.

Full PE kit is to be worn on PE days. In Year 1, these are **Wednesdays and Thursdays**.

Parent Communication

Please make sure you have access to **Arbor** as this is now, our main means of communication with parents. It is very easy to use and all parents must upload the app to any smart phone or device.

The class email address can be used to get in touch with the members of staff. Please email us at **yr1@olsa.org.uk** and we will reply as soon as possible.

Payments

We are a cashless school and all payments to school must be made via our Arbor service. **Remember that School Meals in Year 1 are free.** If there are any difficulties, please see the school office.

Parking

Please continue to support us by parking considerately. Please do not park down the hill by the Villa Vic or in the parking spaces at the flats.

Useful Links

www.olsa.org.uk

<https://www.ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.readingeggs.co.uk/>

Reading in Year 1

Children are placed on our reading scheme at their appropriate phonics level. In class, pupils are read with weekly, on a 1:1 basis. Please listen to them read at home and leave a comment in their reading record so we can monitor progress closely.

Please bring books back on the day marked on their reading record – they will be changed and handed back out by the end of that day where possible.

Phonics

In Year 1, it is a government requirement that pupils complete a Phonics screening check at the end of the year to assess phonics understanding. In this, pupils are asked to read a series of 40 real and nonsense words, the current pass mark for phonics screening is 32.

Please ensure phonics reading books are accessed at home each week to support consolidation of newly learned sounds.

PE Days

PE days this half term in Year 1 are **Wednesday and Thursday**. Please ensure your child has correct PE kit and any earrings are to be removed before school.

School Trips

This year we have three exciting trips booked for Year 1:

- **Autumn Term:** George Stephenson's Rocket Workshop
- **Spring Term:** Beamish Museum
- **Summer Term:** A day at the Beach

To support the pupils in attending these trips, we are asking that parents pay a set fee of £30 for the whole school year.

Payments are to be made via Arbor and can be paid in £5 installments over the coming months or as a one-off payment. If you need any support with Arbor payment, please talk to one of the members of staff in the school office.

Key Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2025

School Opens: Tuesday 2nd September 2025
School Closes for Half Term: Friday 24th October 2025
School Opens: Monday 3rd November 2025
School Closes for Christmas: Friday 19th December 2025

SPRING TERM 2025

School Opens: Tuesday 6th January 2026
School Closes for Half Term: Friday 13th February 2026
School Opens: Monday 23rd February
School Closes for Easter: Thursday 2nd April 2026

SUMMER TERM 2025

School Opens: Tuesday 21st April 2026
School Closes for Half Term: Friday 22nd May 2026
School Opens: Monday 1st June 2026
School Closes for Summer: Friday 17th July 2026

Staff Training Days - Monday 1st September 2025; Monday 5th January 2026; Monday 20th April 2026;

May Bank Holiday – School closed: Monday 4th May 2026.

SATs week – Monday 11th May 2026–Thursday 14th May 2026

Year 1 Parent workshops –

Reading – Wednesday 15th October 2025, **Maths** – Wednesday 28th January 2026,
Foundation – Wednesday 20st May 2026

Behaviour Policy

At Our Lady and St. Anne's Catholic Primary School, we teach behaviour as part of our curriculum. Our values are modelled consistently through our Steps to Success, Personal, Social, Health and Economic curriculum, Relationships and Health curriculum and Religious Education curriculum. We also teach Zones of Regulation across school. We ask everyone to observe our 3 agreed rules. These are:

1. Be ready to learn
2. Be respectful
3. Be safe

By displaying behaviours linked to following these 3 rules we will create a safe and positive learning environment which leads to a culture of excellence and success.

Attainment Grading

Children are assessed using the government's system of assessing children as "working towards" (WTS), "Expected Standard" (EXS) or working at "Greater Depth" (GDS).

Year 1

Transition Information



Our Light Shines Always

September 2025