St Catherine's
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

September 2025

Year 1

Our Team

1W:
Miss Watson, Mrs Shelley, Miss Seagrove, Mrs Ganley

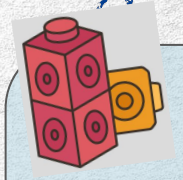
1B:
Miss Bromell, Mrs Dicken

PE with Mr Grazier and Mrs Donaghy

A day in Year 1:

- Registration **8:45**
- Phonics
- Worship
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- English and Handwriting
- ***Breaktime***
- Group reading
- Maths
- ***Lunch time***
- Foundation subjects
- Child Initiated
- Storytime
- ***Hometime***

Curriculum



Maths

We will focus on developing a secure understanding of numbers to 10, including ordering, comparing and using equipment to support our learning.



English

We will enjoy using books to explore rhyming, practise handwriting and write simple sentences with correct punctuation and spelling.



Phonics

Jolly Phonics will continue to support our daily lessons, where we will practise segmenting and blending, revise tricky words and learn new sounds through fun activities.



Reading

Group phonics and daily reading at home will support children with their blending, fluency and help develop a love for reading.

PE, Forest school, Uniform

- Please ensure all uniform, including wellies and PE kit is named.

- Please ensure lunchboxes, snack boxes and water bottles are all named too.

PE is on a **Tuesday morning** - Children come to school in PE kits**.**

Forest School - Thursday afternoons 1-3pm

1B - For the first 6 weeks: 18.9.25
1W - Following 6 weeks: 6.10.25

Homework

Homework Books will be sent home on a **Friday** and collected in the following **Wednesday**.

Phonics:
We will be providing a range of activities for children to complete, including reading word ladders, tricky word practice and spellings.

Reading:
Read every day if possible. *Little and often is key!* They will have 2 reading books sent home, a Jolly Phonics book and another reading book from their reading stage.

Maths:
Weekly Activity assigned via **MyMaths** or a worksheet in Homework books.

Speaking and Listening:
We will be including an activity to support your child's speaking and listening skills, giving them opportunities to practise expressing ideas and sharing their thoughts with confidence.

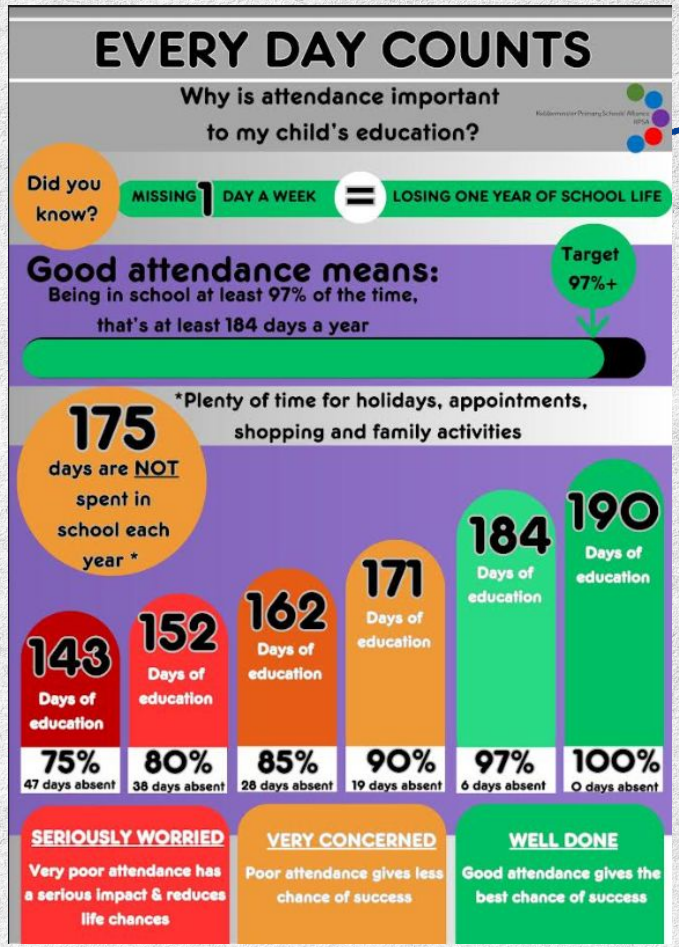
Reading

- Phonics screening in June 2026.
- Daily phonics building on key skills.
- Daily group reading
- All children will be sent home with 1x **Jolly Phonics** book and 1x stage book

Attendance

Every day counts!

- Please note that FAMILY HOLIDAYS will not be authorised in school time. Remember our attendance target for every child is 96%, so we need to keep working together to raise attendance.
- If you request leave you must be able to demonstrate that the circumstances are exceptional. If your child is absent from school on a family holiday without authorisation the council to serve a Penalty Notice.
- If you need to request a leave of absence for your child please visit the school office for a leave of absence request form.



Important Dates

Jeans for Jeans - Non-uniform day: **Friday 19th September**

Harvest morning: **TBC 9-9:30**

Parents' evenings:

- Monday **20th October** &
- Wednesday **22nd October**

Half term:

- **Friday 24th October**

Children return to school on **Monday 2nd November**

Please speak to us ☺️

We are available to speak to at the beginning and end of the day.

If required, appointments can be made directly with the class teacher or through the school office.

- Designated safeguarding lead – Mrs Cope
- Deputy safeguarding leads – Mr Medcalf, Miss Nolan, Mrs Barnes
- SENCo – Mrs Barnes

Our Christian Vision

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Our Vision:

Love like Jesus with

Our heads and our hearts

Valuing the similarities and differences

Everyone in our St Catherine's family

Values that enable us to fulfill our vision:

Wisdom (Love)

Community (friendship)

Dignity (forgiveness)

Hope

We use our heads and our hearts

"Love one another as I have loved you" John 15.12

"The wise listen ..." proverbs



Spirituality

Our Definition of Spirituality at St Catherine's CE Primary School

Spirituality is:

- how we grow on the inside.
- how we make sense of life.
- how we connect with ourselves and those around us.
- how we connect with God and the world.

We explore spirituality through...



Well being

As pupils grow, they often spend increasing amounts of time online or on devices. Help yourself to keep one step ahead with our monthly Digital Download newsletters.

This month's newsletter was sent out on Friday and features information about VPNs, group chats, technological attachment and an update on the latest online slang.

