

Welcome to Year One

Greswold Primary



School

September 2026

Meet the Year One team

	Owls	Hedgehogs	Squirrels
Teacher	Miss Patterson	Mrs Mitchell (Mon,Tue,Thurs,Fri) Ms Kundi (Wed)	Mrs Shackleton/Miss Summers (Mon-Wed) Mrs Croft (Thurs-Fri)
TA	Mrs Zia	Mrs Faithful	Mrs Cornelius
PPA Cover	Ms Kundi Mrs Rowe Mrs Croft		

Morning Routine

- **08:40 - 08:50** Children enter school through the main infant gates and come on to the KS1 playground. Children complete lunches. Each morning, your child will input their own meal. See the options on our website: <https://www.greswold.solihull.sch.uk/school-meals/>
- **8:50 – 9:10** Handwriting
- **9:10 – 9:40** Phonics
- **9:40 – 10:30** English/Maths
- **11:00 – 12:00** Maths/English

Your child needs...

Each day

- Coat (Suitable for the weather)
- Water bottle (water only)

On their PE day

Children should come in wearing:

- White PE t-shirt
- Sweatshirt with school crest
- Royal blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms (plain navy or black)
- Trainers or pumps

Please don't send other items into school e.g. pencil cases.

Year 1 Routines

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Library day <i>Library books to come in (Not in book bags, unless it is your child's book bag day)</i>	Indoor P.E Owls <i>Children in Indoor PE Kit.</i>	Indoor P.E Hedgehogs <i>Children in Indoor PE Kit.</i>	Indoor P.E. Squirrels <i>Children in Indoor PE Kit.</i>	Outdoor P.E Owls, Hedgehogs and Squirrels <i>Children in Outdoor PE Kit.</i> Spelling Test – New spellings set. Homework will be set.

Next week we will begin to give out the children's bookbags. These will be given on their new bookbag day. Please return these on that same day every week. There will be sticker on the front of the reading log as a reminder for your child's book bag day.

End of the Day Routine

- Water bottles will be sent home each evening.
- 15:20 – Children dismissed
- Any children not collected will be taken to outside the office (main entrance).
- **Please let us know via a phone call, email or a letter if someone different will be picking your child up.**

Absences and illness

- Notify the office by phone call. Please do not send us care diary messages about illness – The office will need to have this notification directly.
- Should your child require medication then a form will need to be filled in with the office and the medication booked in there.
- Please let us know about any allergies or ongoing illnesses.

Home Learning

- Homework will be set as per our Home Learning Policy. This year the children will have homework folders.
- 15 minutes reading is expected per night.
- The spelling list for each term will be available on the school website. This list will contain words that match with the phonics sounds that they have learnt that week. You will need to check which phonics group your child is in.
- Our first spelling test will be on **Friday 18th September**. Spellings will be uploaded to the website by **Friday 11th September**.
- A maths activity will be set each week starting after half term, this will alternate between our maths focused activities and Fluency Bee (on the website).

Please help your child to learn their spellings, read together and return books on the correct day.

Spellings

- The children will have five spellings for the first half term which will increase to ten when we feel the children are ready.
- If your child needs more of a challenge, please encourage them to use the word in a full sentence with a capital letter and a full stop and/or practice the Year One common exception/ tricky words.

Spelling can be found on the Year 1 page on the school website: <https://www.greswold.solihull.sch.uk/year-1/>

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hard.

Phonics

The phonics scheme that we use is called Super Sonic Phonic Friends. This scheme has been chosen as it is active, engaging and will further support the good phonic practice at Greswold.

Throughout the year we may send home flashcards or precision grids containing sounds that the children are not yet confident with. Please go through them little and often with your children.

Your child should also be able to write down the graphemes.

Phoneme- The sound

Grapheme- The way it is written

Digraph- Two letters making one sound

Trigraph- Three letters making one sound

Split Digraph- Two letters making one sound that have been split with a consonant/s in-between.

This week, we will send home your child's most recent phonics assessment. Please support us in closing any gaps that may have occurred over the holiday. Please use games on the Phonics page on the school website to help you with this.

Home Reading

The books that we will send home will be matched to the sounds that the children have learnt. This could include books from a number of different coloured bands. The colour bands are **no longer** accurate and do not indicate a reading level.

Your child should be able to sound out and blend most/all of the words in their books. Reading at home is to build fluency and confidence and the children should not find their reading books challenging. They will be taking home books that they should have already read with a member of staff in school.

- 15 minutes per night.
- Books will be sent home on your child's book bag day and returned on the same day the following week. Book bag days can be found on the front of your child's reading record book.
- Your child will be given 1 book to take home for the first half term, this may change moving forwards.

Year One topics

- We have made links between the curriculum to make it more exciting and relevant for the children.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Space	Animals	Fairy Tales	Castles and Dragons	Journeys	Under the Sea

Parent-Teacher Consultations

- These will be Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October. More details will follow about booking, times and how these will happen.
- There will be another Parent-Teacher consultation in February.

Looking ahead: Things later in the year

Phonics Screening

The children will continue to work on their reading and spelling skills in daily phonic lessons.

In June, all Year 1 children will be tested to see if they have met the expectations for their age.

Possible Year One educational visit: Castle

Communication

Email	Formal letters and communications requiring a response (e.g. permission for a visit) will be sent via ParentPay. These will come from platform@parentpay.com Some emails which are for information only, such as year group updates and reminders, will be sent via Juniper. You will not be able to reply to these messages. These will come from noreply@junipereducation.org Medical updates, such as injuries and medication use, will be sent via Medical Tracker. These emails may include a link to the Medical Tracker website if action is required. These will come from donotreply@medicaltracker.co.uk
The Juniper Education App (see below)	Class and year group reminders and general information will also appear in this app. The app also shows the calendar and latest news stories from the website.
School website	Regular updates to year group pages to highlight learning. Weekly updates to latest news to showcase whole school events and celebrate successes.

Communication

- We check Tapestry regularly and this year we will be using the Care Diary. Any information you would like to share with us, please add it to the Care Diary.
- If you would rather talk to us directly, please phone or email the Office rather than trying to catch us at the end of the day. We will contact you about the matter.

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If you have any questions, please either email the school office or comment on the Care Diary.

We look forward to working with you.

