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*Galliard Primary  
School*

*Year 1 Newsletter  
Summer Term*

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# Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the summer term! We hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable break.

Summer is always a busy and exciting time in school, filled with opportunities for pupils to build on their learning and celebrate their progress. We are looking forward to a successful and rewarding term ahead.

This term is particularly important for our Year 1 pupils, who will be working towards the **Phonics Screening Check**. This is a key milestone in their early reading journey, and we will be supporting them in developing their confidence and phonics knowledge in preparation.

We kindly ask that you continue to prioritise listening to your child read regularly at home. Reading is the foundation for all learning and plays a vital role across every area of the curriculum. Your continued support makes a significant difference to your child's progress and confidence.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We greatly value our partnership with you and look forward to working together throughout the term.

With warm wishes,

*Miss M Begum*

Assistant Headteacher

Year 1, 2 and 3 Head of Department



# Meet the team

*Assistant Headteacher*

**Miss Begum**

*Year 1*

**1H Ms Harrington, Miss Taylor**

**1B Miss Blair, Miss Yahya, Ms Wright**

**1R Miss Ravi-Varma, Mrs Alfa**

*HLTA's*

Mrs Chang

Mrs Altinok

*Rainbow Class*

Mrs Prendagarst

Mrs Panayi



# Attendance



Gates open at 8:45am, with registration promptly at 8:55am. We expect attendance to be at least 96% this term. Maintaining strong attendance is vital missing even small amounts of time can quickly lead to gaps in learning and reduced confidence.

Punctuality is just as important. Arriving a few minutes late each day soon adds up, and the start of the morning is a crucial time for settling in and reinforcing key skills that underpin the day's learning.

Any requests for absence must be submitted in advance via the school office. Each request will be considered individually, and supporting evidence will be required.

# Year 1 Curriculum

**Reading:** Read, Write, Inc (RWI) phonics

**English:** Sentence level knowledge based on our core text, The Extraordinary Gardener by Sam Boughton

**Maths:** Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division, Shapes and Measurement

**Science:** Plants, Seasonal Change

**History:** The Two Queens (Elizabeth I & II)

**Geography:** The Seaside: Human and Physical Features

**Art:** Landscapes

**D&T:** Fruit Kebabs

**R.E:** Hinduism, Christianity, Islam

**PSHE:** Health & Wellbeing

**Music:** Pulse and Voice

**Computing:** Algorithms and Programming

**P.E. Games & Gymnastics**

**Talk Time:** A weekly activity that encourages the children to discuss, explain, agree, disagree and question topical issues

**TRIPS:** Trip to local church to be confirmed

## Homework

- Weekly Maths homework will be uploaded on **MyMaths**
- **Reading:** Children will be provided with two scheme RWI books and one Reading Journey book weekly to read at home daily. It is important that children bring their scheme reading book to school **every day!**



# Read, Read, Read



Start of Reception

End of Year 1    Spring 1  
Year 1        Year 2

At Galliard, we believe that reading is the key to unlocking a world of imagination, knowledge, and confidence. Through stories, children can travel to new places, meet exciting characters, and learn new ideas. In Key Stage 1, we aim to nurture a love of reading by sharing books together every day, encouraging curiosity, and celebrating each child's progress. We know that strong reading skills not only support learning across all subjects but also help children to develop creativity and a lifelong enjoyment of books.

To give our pupils the very best start, we have committed to a strong phonics programme: **Read Write Inc (RWI)**. This structured approach helps children build the skills they need to decode words, grow their vocabulary, and become fluent, confident readers. **We expect children in Year 1 to be reading at RWI Blue level by the end of the year.**

We understand that parents and carers have busy lives, but we strongly encourage you to read with your child every day. Ten minutes of sharing a book together can make a real difference to their confidence, progress, and enjoyment of reading.



# Read, Read, Read



Please ensure your child comes to school in their full PE kit on P.E. days. The school PE kit includes:

- Navy shorts, joggers, or leggings
- House t-shirt (Bedford Blue, Richmond Red, Grosvenor Green, or York Yellow)
- Comfortable trainers

For safety and ease, please make sure your child can put on and take off their trainers independently, and can fasten them securely. While we advise that children do not wear earrings to school on PE days, if they do, we recommend studs. These can be securely taped during PE lessons to avoid injury.

<i>Class</i>	<i>Days</i>
1H	Monday, Tuesday
1B	Tuesday, Thursday
1R	Tuesday, Thursday



# Dates for your diary (so far)

## May

4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday. School closed

7<sup>th</sup> Polling Day. School closed to children

22<sup>nd</sup> Last day of this half term School ends at 15:20  
(25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> half term)

## June

1<sup>st</sup> Staff INSET day. School closed to children

2<sup>nd</sup> Children return to school

W/b 8<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Screening Test

23<sup>rd</sup> Year 1 and 2 Summer Disco 15:45 – 16:45

26<sup>th</sup> Trip to Shoeburyness Beach

27<sup>th</sup> Galliard's Summer Fete! 13:00 – 16:00

## July

17<sup>th</sup> Last day of the school year! School ends at  
14:00

