

HAGBOURNE C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Monday 5th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break with your friends and families. Thank you again for the lovely cards and generous gifts at the end of last term, I am beyond grateful!

The doors will be open from 8.35am until 8:45am. If your child arrives later than 8:45am (if the door is closed and there is no adult waiting to greet them) they need to enter via the school office and sign-in with the office staff.

The school day ends at 3:15pm and staff will bring children to the Year 1 gate. Please ensure that you inform me or the office if your child will be collected by a different adult than usual.

Please see the Learning Web on the school website for more information on our topics this term.

We will not be doing regular Show and Tell sessions. However, if your child has a particular achievement or has made something linked to our topic, they can either bring it in or please take a photo and email it to me to share with the class.

The children have daily phonics lessons and are read with regularly. Please continue to hear your child read at home. The school expectation is that children read their Phonics books at least four times a week. Getting your child to reread the books means they remember repeating words and phrases and practice reading fluently, rather than sounding out; each time they read the book it should improve.

This term, I will send home a list of the Year 1 and Reception Harder to Read and Spell Words. Please encourage your children to read these words by sight. Once they are secure, they can begin learning to write them.

We have been working really hard on handwriting and will continue to do so this term - the children know how to hold a pencil correctly and it would be great if you could check and encourage this at home. It is important for children to ensure their middle finger is under the pencil and not next to their index finger.

PE will be on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** and the children will still need to come to school dressed in their PE kit. In the colder weather, children can wear tracksuit bottoms and a sweatshirt.

Children need a warm waterproof coat and sturdy school shoes everyday as we often go outside. Hats and gloves will be needed in the cold.

Thank you very much for your support - I am so proud of how the children are getting on and the progress they are making.

Many thanks

Miss Breeze and the Year 1 Team