



YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2026



Staff

Miss Threlfall - Class Teacher
Every day

Mr Johns- Class Teacher
PPA cover– Wednesday mornings

Mrs Talbot- Teaching Assistant
Every day



PE Days

Monday and Wednesday

Welcome to Year One! We hope you all had a lovely summer break and that you're looking forward to the new school year. This letter contains lots of general information about Year One and the learning we will be doing over the Autumn Term, so please take a little time to read it carefully and keep it to refer back to.

Entering and exiting school: The doors at the top of the steps will be opened and a staff member present from 8.50am. Children can then enter school. Doors will be closed at 8.55 when all children should be settled in school ready for registration. If you are late, please go to the office. At the end of the day, children will be dismissed from the same door. We will look for a family member before releasing them. *If your child has an unavoidable medical appointment during the school day, please let the office know. Please also let them know of any absences.*

Please ensure all items of uniform, coats, water bottles etc are clearly named so they can be reunited with their owner easily.

It is school policy that only plain water can be brought in water bottles– no juice or fizzy drinks please.

Children should only bring a book bag please– the ones that were given at the start of Reception– no rucksacks as we do not have the space to store these.

Do keep an eye on the school newsletter that is emailed every Friday. On it there are details of upcoming events, news and information.

Please also take time to digest the information about online safety that accompanies the newsletter and to discuss staying safe online, including what to do if something doesn't seem right.

Please contact the office if you need to get in touch with me, and I will get back to you as soon as I am able to.

Many thanks in anticipation of your support throughout the school year,

Miss Threlfall and the Year One team x

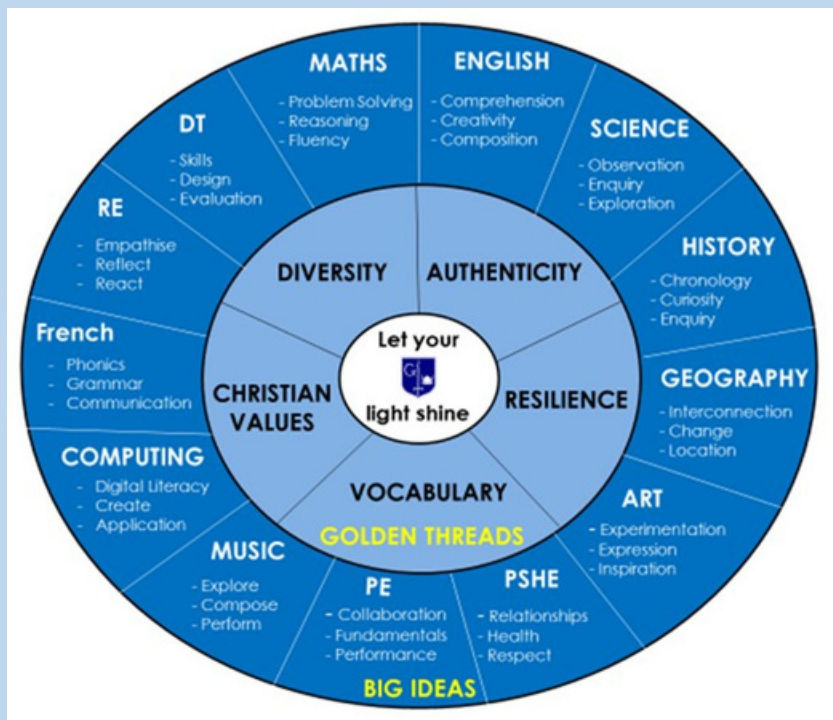


Our Curriculum

At Grimsargh St. Michael's, we have our five 'goldentreads' that underpin our teaching and learning culture.

For each curriculum area, we then have three 'big ideas'.

This image shows how these work together to give our children a well rounded and authentic curriculum to create resilient and enthusiastic learners. Please have a look at our website to learn more about each of our subjects- <https://www.grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk/curriculum-home/>



PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

In Year One, all children take part in the Phonics Screening Check. This will be in June 2027 and we will give you lots of information in the run up to the date.

If you would like to familiarise yourself further with what the screening involves, please have a look at this link- https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1164731/Information_for_parents_-_2023_phonics_screening_check.pdf



MATHS

Number
Place Value within 10
Addition and subtraction within 10
Place Value within 20
Geometry
Shape

PHONICS

Mrs Coupe has passed her Phonics assessments to me so we will continue to move through the Red Rose Letters and Sounds scheme following a recap and refresh of previous learning.

ENGLISH

Poems, songs and rhymes.
Stories with familiar setting, friendship
Non-fiction texts: booklets
Stories by the Same Author
Poems on a theme
Range of non-fiction texts

PE

FMS Baseline unit- Supertato
Dance- pirates
FMS Rolling a ball
Gymnastics

LEARNING



MUSIC

Keeping the pulse
Christmas production

HISTORY

Changes within living memory.
The history of toys in my family.
How have toys changed?

GEOGRAPHY

Weather and climate
How do the seasonal and daily weather patterns change in our local area?
Identify seasonal and daily weather patterns.

SCIENCE

The Human Body
Seasonal changes- Autumn
Materials
Seasonal changes- Winter

RE

Why is saying thank you so important?
What do people believe about how the world began?
Why do many people give and receive gifts at Christmas?

LEARNING



COMPUTING

Logging on
Introduction to Purple Mash
Technology around us
Online Safety:
Self-image and Identity
Online relationships

ART

Drawing – Make your mark
Harvest artwork
Christmas cards

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Structures: Stable structures

PSHE

Me and my relationships
Valuing differences

HOME LEARNING

(logins inside reading diaries)

Mathletics - will be set weekly. This either links to the learning set in class or a recap from previous learning. Please help support your children by making this part of your home routine.

Purple Mash– I will set tasks on Purple Mash for children to practise their skills at home. In school, the children mainly use a laptop so it would be useful if they are able to do the same at home (rather than an iPad/phone)

READING

Reading will always be of great importance in all learning. In class we are constantly reading whether it is TRIC (Teacher Reading in Class), Guided Reading, English lessons or 1:1 (to name a few).

The staff talk to the children often about reading at home to help with their fluency, understanding of a text and to simply escape into a good book!

Please ensure you are reading with your child at least three times a week. Give the children 10 minutes of your time, each night, to showcase their skills and wow you!

If you could then write in your child's diary we can celebrate their hard work.

We are always looking for anyone to support our learning. If you have a keen interest or experience in any of our future areas of learning, please let me know and I can incorporate a visit or any information you may have.

UNIFORM

As a school we are constantly ensuring high standards across school life.

It is really important for children to wear the correct uniform; especially school shoes not trainers and no earrings.

Please see our website for more details: <https://www.grimsargh-st-michaels.lancs.sch.uk/policies/>



DIARY DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 14th Clubs start
- 28th – St Michael's Day service in church– 9.30
- 29th - Individual photographs

OCTOBER

- 5th – Harvest service in church– 9.30
- 9th – World Mental Health Day
- 14th – Flu Immunisations
- 23rd- School closes for half term– 3.25

NOVEMBER

- 2nd - School opens
- 4th – Parent/Carer Meetings
- 16th-20th – Anti-bullying week- 'Power for Good'

DECEMBER

- 2nd – Panto trip
- 4th –Clubs finish
- 5th- Christmas Fair
- 8th - KS1 Carol service dress rehearsal
- 9th – KS1 carol service 2.30
- 10th – KS1 carol service 2.30
- 17th- Christmas service in church- 9.30
- 18th – School closes for Christmas– 1.30