



St Richard's CE Primary School
Autumn Term 2025 – Second half



Year 1 Myrtle Class - November 2025

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We hope you have all had a lovely break. We have been so proud of how well all the children have settled into year 1, it is a huge change but the children have taken it all in their stride! We have a very fun and busy half term coming up! Please read the newsletter carefully and note down the key dates in your diary, there are many! If you have any questions, please speak to one of the year 1 team.

Dates for your diary:

- 10th November** – Odd sock day
- 11th November** - Learning conversations 3:45-5:45
-Flu immunisations
- 13th November** - Learning conversations 3:45-7:00
- 14th November** – Children’s individual school photos
- 17th November** - Shoeboxes due in school
- 24th November** – Last week of clubs and swimming
- 1st December** – Nativity costumes due in school
- 4th December** – Trip to Richmond Museum
- 12th December** – EYFS and KS1 Nativity (9:30am)
-Christmas Fair (3:30pm)
- 17th December** – Trip to Beauty and the Beast Panto
Twickenham
- 18th December** – Christmas jumper day
-Christmas lunch
-Class parties
- 19th December** – Christmas carol service 9:10
-Last day of school 2pm finish

Class Trips and Visitors in School:

This half term we are going to visit the Richmond Museum on **4th December**. We will leave school around 9am and return by 12:30pm. The children will still have their lunch at school. More information on the museum trip will be given closer to the date.

We will also be going to see Beauty and the Beast Pantomime at The Exchange in Kingston on **17th December**. More information to come closer to the time.

What we are learning about this half term:

English: We are reading the books I want my hat back by Jon Glassen and Send for a superhero by Michael Rosen and Katherine McEwen

Phonics: Phase 5

Maths: Numbers to 20, counting in 10s, patterns in counting between 20 – 50, comparing quantities.

RE: Saints and Nativity characters

TOPIC:

History: Learning about toys; toys from the past and modern day toys and how toys have developed and changed over time.

Science: Materials and their properties

DT: Looking at car design and building our own cars.

Computing: Programming and algorithms

Music: Learning about pitch

P.E: Throwing and catching techniques

Trips: Richmond Museum – Toys workshops

Shoe boxes NEEDED

Our new topic this half term is all about toys. We will be looking at toys from the past and modern day toys. We will also be going to the Richmond Museum and participating in a workshop all about the history of toys.

As part of our learning, we will be making toy cars. Can your child please bring in a medium sized shoe box by Monday 17th November.

Learning conversations

Learning conversations will take place the week beginning 10th of November. It is a great opportunity to have a chat about your child’s learning and see some of their amazing work they have done so far. Please book an appointment on Scopay.

Morning/Afternoon snack:

A piece of fruit is provided each day for your child to have in the morning. Please can you pack an **extra piece of fruit** in their bag to have in the afternoon. Children will only be allowed to eat a fruit snack in school, if you pack additional snacks that are not fruit your child will be asked to save this for after school. Thank you for your support with this.

School milk is available free of charge to all children under five years of age and to all children receiving Free School Meals. If you would like to register a child once they reach five years of age to continue to receive a daily portion of semi-skimmed cow's milk, you can register online at www.coolmilk.com. It costs approximately £18 per term. If you prefer to complete a form, please ask at the office and return it to Freepost Cool Milk.

Change of seasons:

The seasons have begun to change now and we are heading for some much cooler and wetter weather. Please can you ensure your child is dressed appropriately with a winter coat, scarf, hat, gloves etc. Please ensure **all these items are labelled** as often items go missing and it is much easier to locate the owner if they are named. Many thanks for your help with this.

Uniform:

Your child must come to school each day in the correct school uniform. A full list of items can be found on the school website. Please note that all children must wear black school shoes, strictly no trainers or boots. Please can you ensure your child does not have shoes with laces unless they know how to tie them independently, as this builds independence when changing their shoes.

Homework:

Homework is sent out weekly on a Friday. Homework helps children consolidate the learning they have been practising at school that week. Please help support your child's learning at home by completing the activities that are set.

At the beginning of each half term a sheet will be stuck in your child's homework book with suggested activities do to at home that link to our half termly topic. These are to be completed in your own time over the course of the half term. You can choose to do one or all of them!

Nativity

The festive season will soon be upon us and we will be starting to practise for our Nativity production. This year, Year 2, Year 1, Reception and Nursery will perform the Infants Nativity on the **12th December**. If your child has any lines, please help them practise these at home. More information about the Nativity will come in a couple weeks.

Your child's Nativity costume will need to be in school by the **1st December**.

Parent/adult helpers

We would welcome any parents or adults who are able to give some time to come and listen to children read, either at the beginning, middle or end of the day. Please speak to Mrs Thiele if you would be interested. Please note that you must have a current DBS.

Also please speak to Mrs Thiele if you can come and help the children to get changed for their swimming lesson. Our swimming session is on Tuesdays from 2:15pm-3:15pm.

Summary

Monday - P.E (Children to come to school in P.E kit).

Tuesdays – Reading books get changed

Swimming (2:15 – 3:15)

Wednesday – Home learning due in school

Fridays – Reading books get changed

Library books get changed

Home learning sent out

