



St Richard's CE Primary School

Spring Term 2026 – Second half

Year 1 Myrtle Class - February 2026



Welcome back to the second half of the spring term! We hope you have all had a lovely break. We have a fun filled, jam packed half term coming up so please read the newsletter carefully and note down the key dates in your diary. If you have any questions, please speak to one of the year 1 team.

Dates for your diary:

- 27th February** – Cricket session in school
- 4th March** – Phonics screen check meeting 9:10am
- 5th March** – Trip to London Eye and Thames River Cruise
- 6th March** – World Book Day – dress as a word
- 10th and 12th March** – Learning Conversations
- 12th March** – Author Mrs Parker visiting school
- WB 16th March** – Last week of swimming and clubs
- WB 16th March** – Neurodiversity week
- 26th March** – Easter bonnet parade
- 27th March** – Easter service in church 9am.
- 27th March** – Last day of term 2pm finish

Home reading books

Reading books will be changed twice a week. Your child should read their reading book every day, this allows for your child to read their book **3 times**.

Read 1: Children will segment and blend unknown words. Adults can model how to sound out unknown words. Discuss the meaning of unknown words.

Read 2. Children become more fluent in their reading and comprehend what they have read. Ask your child questions about the characters and story for comprehension.

Read 3: Focus on adding expression in reading, retelling and asking inference questions. Inference questions allow children to think more deeply about a text and use clues from the book and draw on knowledge from their own experiences.

What we are learning about this half term:

English: We are reading the books Iggy Peck Architect by Andrea Beaty and The Magic Bed by John Burningham

Phonics: Phase 5 alternative sounds

Maths: Compositions of numbers, addition, subtraction

RE: Christianity: celebration of Easter.

TOPIC:

Geography: The United Kingdom

Computing: We will be looking at internet safety and how to keep ourselves safe online.

Art: Textiles and weaving

P.E: Ball skills – passing and receiving, swimming

Trips: London Eye and Thames River Cruise

Learning conversations

Learning conversations will take place on the 10th and 12th of March. 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.

Phonics screen check meeting

On **Wednesday 4th March** at 9:10am there will be a meeting for parents about the upcoming phonics screen check. All children in year 1 will complete the Phonics Screen Check in June. It is important that you come along to the meeting to hear more about the Phonics Screen Check and how you can support your child at home to prepare for this assessment. Thank you.

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.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your child brings a named water bottle into school every day. It is important that the children are staying hydrated as this helps them be productive learners. Please can you ensure water bottles contain only water, no juice or squash please

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.

Book bags

Please ensure your child is bringing their book bag into school each day with their school reading book, water bottle and afternoon snack. Many children are bringing in large backpacks and whilst these are fine for KS2, children in KS1 should be bringing in a book bag.

Phonics resources

Below are some links to websites with resources and games to support your child with phonics, reading and the phonics screen check.

- <https://www.busythings.co.uk>
- <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>
- <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/5>
- <https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>
- <https://www.twinkl.com/>

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!

Reminders

Mondays – P.E

Tuesdays – Reading books get changed

Swimming (10:45-11:45)

Wednesday - Home learning to be returned

Thursdays – N/A

Fridays – Reading books get changed

Library books get changed

Home learning sent home

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.

