Year One Newsletter



Our learning theme this term is
Childhood
16th November – 20th November 2026



https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/please-log-in
Reading book assigned this week is **Molly's New Toy**.
Top reading class last week is **Willow Class**. Well done!



Phonics
In phonics this week, we will be focussing on: **y (ee), al (or) and reviewing previously learnt sounds.**
We will also be learning the Harder to Read and Spell (HRS) words - **who, whole**

Our learning this week will include:

English – writing our own retelling of Little Red Riding Hood. This will then come home in their Writing Records for you to read, sign and return 😊	**Science-** using mirrors to compare similarities and differences between humans and recording their findings on a Venn diagram.
Art – creating a collage of a human face by cutting out various noses, beards, hats etc. and sticking them together.	**Maths** - continuing our learning about subtraction and addition.

Suggested Home Activities
Maths
Practise counting backwards from 100.
Practise subtraction within 10: You could do this practically using food, cars, dinosaurs, dolls or play online games such as:
https://www.topmarks.co.uk/subtraction/subtraction-to-10
https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math/subtraction/catch-the-stars/

English
You could make a storyboard to retell your favourite story. We would love to see them!

Art- Funny Faces

Look at the Knowledge Organiser and glossary attached to this newsletter and talk about the new vocabulary and meaning of words.

Phonics Workshop

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 1 Phonics Workshop. It was fantastic to see so many families having fun reading together. If you weren't able to attend, or would like to look over the PowerPoint again, please visit our Year 1 class page .

Anti bullying week

This week is national anti-bullying week. We will be discussing it in class, and doing lessons and activities around this year's theme of Break the Silence. If you would like more information, please click here to see the Anti-Bullying Alliance's parent and carer guide. https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2026/parent-and-carer-pack

Poppies

Thank you so much for all the wonderful poppies you made over half term and sent into school. We have loved looking at them all and they look beautiful displayed in the corridor. They have really helped us to mark Remembrance Day this year.



If you have any questions or just want to say hello, please contact us using the year 1 email s4year1@blossomfield.solihull.sch.uk

Many thanks for your support and interest

With all our very best wishes

Miss Collins and Mrs Kilby



Attendance Update November 2026

Working Together for Great Attendance!

We know that children can experience minor illnesses from time to time, particularly during the winter months. Where your child is well enough to attend, coming into school helps them to keep learning, stay connected with their friends and maintain their usual routine.

The NHS guidance can help you decide whether your child is well enough to come into school or would be better cared for at home.

We really appreciate your support in helping your child attend school as regularly as possible, while also making sure they have time to recover when they are genuinely unwell.

Is my child too ill for school?

(Winter Health Guidance)



It can be tricky to decide whether to keep your child home when they wake up feeling under the weather.

• Mild colds and coughs. Children with a minor runny nose, sore throat, or mild cough can usually attend school as long as they do not have a high temperature.

• High temperatures. If your child has a fever, please keep them at home until their temperature returns to normal without medication.

• Sickness and diarrhoea. Children must stay off school for 48 hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

• NHS guidance. If you are unsure, you can check the NHS Is My Child Too Ill for School Guide for clear advice on common winter illnesses.

Find out more: https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Being Prepared for Winter Weather

Cold mornings and dark afternoons can make the school run harder, so a little preparation helps avoid late marks and absences.

- Warm clothing. Please send your child with a warm, waterproof coat, hat, and gloves every day. Remember to label all items clearly.
- Allow extra travel time. Frosty windscreens, icy pavements, and heavier traffic can cause delays. Leaving 10 minutes earlier helps ensure your child arrives on time for registration.

School closures. We always aim to stay open during bad weather. If severe snow or ice forces a closure, we will notify you on the school website.

More attendance information can be found on the parent tab of the school website.
https://www.blossomfield.solihull.sch.uk/Parents/ATTENDANCE/