



Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase



Badger Class 2022/23



Hello and a very warm welcome to Badger Class at
Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase!

Our aim is to continue to create happy, independent and confident learners who love coming to school and think school is fun! Parents and children will understandably be apprehensive when starting a new school year, but we will continue to ensure that children are well cared for and that the ongoing relationships children build with both their peers and adults in school, enables them to feel safe, secure and eager to learn.

The following adults will be working with your child during their time in Year 1:

Class Teacher: **Miss Holly Ball**

Teaching Assistant: **Mrs Danielle Norman**



Transition from EYFS to Year 1

It is through quality play experiences that children will be most engaged and challenged and that is how we endeavour to facilitate truly effective learning in the Year 1 classroom at the start of the year. Providing a quality play environment for children on entry to Year 1 enables them to comfortably settle back into the school environment and allows the teaching staff to stand back and observe the children, their interactions, interests and learning preferences.

Initially, evidencing what is observed will be continued in the same way that it is done in Reception with photographs, observations, discussion, creations and practitioner judgement. Although it is important that we are able to show children's achievement progress, this doesn't always have to be written in a book.

The beginning of the school day

The school gate will be opened by a member of staff at 8.35am and closed at 8.50am. The gate leads on to the playground and you will walk your child directly to the classroom door, where a member of the Year 1 team will be there to greet you. This allows the children to come into school gradually throughout the fifteen minutes and settle themselves. Throughout the first few weeks in school, children will be given lots of help and support to show them where to put their belongings until they are confident to do this by themselves.

If children have been to Breakfast Club, they will be brought to the classroom by a member of the Breakfast Club team.

Once the school gate is closed at 8.50am, any late children should be taken to the school office where they will need to be signed in late.



The end of the school day

The school day ends at 3.10pm. A member of staff will open the school gate onto the playground and you will collect your child from the classroom door. All adults collecting your child will continue to need a keyring pass before they can access the school. If you have lost any of your keyrings, please contact the school office for replacements. No child will be allowed to leave school until a designated adult is there to collect them. If somebody different is collecting your child from school, please let the office know or write a note in your child's contact book and a temporary pass will be allocated. Please see the school office on arrival to collect the pass. Any children attending After School Club, will be taken to the club by a member of the Year 1 team.

If you wish to discuss a matter concerning your child, please can you do so after school rather than in the morning, or during our weekly Open-Door session, held every Thursday.

Daily Routine

Once your child has entered school and sorted their belongings, they will carry out an early morning task. The morning will begin with Collective Worship followed a series of learning sessions. Normally in the morning, children complete their Maths, English and Phonics sessions. Children have a morning playtime at some point during the morning.

During the afternoon, children will carry out a range of learning activities including Science, History, Geography, Music, Art, Design and Technology, Computing, PE and RE. We also make lots of time for stories and singing throughout the day.

Children will receive a free piece of fruit from the Government healthy eating scheme to eat at playtime. No snack items should be sent into school from home.

We are also part of the School Milk Scheme. As your child is now over 5, you will need to pay for their milk if they wish to have it, using the website <http://www.coolmilk.com>.



Your child will need to bring a bottle of water into school each day. This can be refilled in school as needed throughout the day. Please ensure your child's water bottle is named. Your child will have access to their water throughout the day as needed. Please do not put water bottles in book bags as they tend to leak.

School Meals & Funding

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal, known as universal free school meals. This was an initiative introduced by the Government, with the aim of improving academic attainment and saving families money by providing all KS1 children with a hot and nutritious meal at lunchtime. You do not need to apply for this; your child is automatically eligible.

You can of course choose to send your child in with a packed lunch. Please send all packed lunches in a clearly named lunchbox so they are not misplaced. If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure you provide them with a healthy and nutritious choice of food, avoiding any fizzy drinks. Please also be aware that we are a nut-free school.

In addition to universal free school meals, if your family is in receipt of certain benefits, you are also eligible to apply for free school meals/pupil premium funding via the Kent County Council website (<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>). This funding is available from the government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the qualifying benefits and means that we receive a payment of **£1320** per year for our school to fund valuable support like extra tuition and additional teaching staff. If you cannot access the online form, please contact the school office.

Reading

It is very important that children listen to a wide range of stories to develop their language and reading skills. We will try to change your child's reading book every few days, as long as it has been read at home or in school with an adult on two different days and is recorded in the yellow reading record book. We will also send home key words to practice with your child at home.



Within class children will read to an adult at least once a week. Children will also play various phonics and reading games to practice blending sounds and reading words phonetically.

When your child reads to you, please date and comment in your child's reading record book. Children will be rewarded for reading regularly at home. Children are expected to read and share a book at home on at least five different days during the week. In order to reward good reading habits, we shall be monitoring and recording the number of times your child reads at home. Any child who reads at least five times per week will receive a reading reward. When your child reads in school, there will also be a comment in the reading record book.

Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading record book as well as their contact book, in school **every day!**

Computing

Your child will have weekly access to the computer room. They will be taught how to use technology safely and respectfully, understand what algorithms are, create and debug programs and use logical reasoning to predict the behavior of simple programs. As well as computers children will also have daily access to the interactive whiteboard in their classroom. There will also be opportunities to explore programmable toys such as B-bots.

P.E

Every week your child will continue to have PE sessions which include games, dance, BEAM and gymnastics. During the Autumn and Spring Term, PE sessions will take place indoors and in the Summer Term we will mainly be outside for PE. **For all PE sessions children will need to come to school in their PE kit.** Please ensure earrings are removed before coming to school on PE days. **Badgers PE days are on Monday and Thursday.**



Outdoor Play

In Year 1, children will continue to have access to the outdoors in all weathers as well as taking part in weekly forest school sessions, so it is very important that they have the following items in school (**all clearly named**);

- Waterproof all in one suit
- Pair of wellington boots
- Tracksuit in their PE bag (for forest school)
- Warm coat, hat and gloves for cold weather
- Light waterproof jacket for warm weather
- Sun hat for hot weather
- Sun cream to be applied before school during hot weather

Forest School sessions will take place weekly.

Home Learning

At Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase we feel that children's home learning should be flexible and informal, therefore more able to fit in with busy family lives, whilst at the same time, developing parental links with school and their child's learning.

Our home learning will be as follows:

- Each term children will bring home a termly topic grid outlining all of the activities children will be taking part in for that term, as well as direct learning that will take place. There will be a section with home learning ideas linked to this topic/theme.
- Families have the flexibility to select tasks and plan when and how they will do these. All the activities on the grid are optional and can be adapted to suit each child and their family.
- We encourage families to support pupils to complete at least one task a week.
- The pupils will have a homework book should they wish to record and share any work completed. Children will be praised for their home learning efforts.
- There will be practical and creative ideas too, which can be brought into school, shared with each other and displayed in class.



- **All pupils are expected to read at home on a daily basis** – please record reading in children's reading record books

We hope we have parents continued support in engaging in the learning process with their children and in their support of school and home learning.

Behaviour

All children are expected to show good behaviour. Together, we will create a set of class rules which we will expect the children to follow. These will include things such as; no running, using kind hands and feet, saying kind words, etc. We will reward good behaviour with individual reward charts. We will reward children for demonstrating things such as; sharing and turn taking, being kind, trying their best, etc. We also have class rewards where we celebrate whole class achievements. From Year One, children will receive dojo points for their good behaviour and hard work in school. At Saint George's Church of England Primary Phase, we focus on positive behavior management.

Playtime

Children will have access to the school playground at morning break time and after lunch where they will have access to a variety of outdoor games and equipment to play with.

Accidents

Unfortunately, accidents do happen within school no matter how careful or safety conscious we are.

If your child does have an accident during the day, an accident form will be sent home the same day detailing the accident, time of accident as well as any treatment carried out. Any bumps or injuries of a serious nature will result in the parents/carers being notified immediately.

Please ensure all emergency telephone numbers are updated regularly in the school office. If your child is unwell, we will want to get hold of you quickly and easily.



Accidents also include toilet accidents. If your child does have an accident of this kind they will be changed and the wet/soiled clothing will be placed in a plastic bag. This will then be discreetly handed to the person collecting the child at the end of the day. Please ensure children have a spare set of underwear, as well as spare socks or tights in their book bags in case a toilet accident occurs. We keep a few spares of dresses and trousers marked 'school' in school if needed. Please ensure these are washed and returned to school if your child is ever sent home in spare clothing.

Open door/parental support

We will continue to hold weekly Open-Door sessions where you have the opportunity to come into the classroom, look at your child's work, speak with staff, input into our parent voice display. **These sessions will take place on a Monday.**

Here at Saint George's Primary Phase, we always enjoy parental help and there will be regular opportunities to spend time with your child in school and information of these events will be sent home with your child. If any parents would like to help out in class on a regular basis, please speak to Miss Ball.

We hope this information has answered some of your questions and provided you with an insight into the next stage of your child's school journey. If you ever have any worries or concerns, however small or silly they may seem, please speak with Miss Ball.

We look forward to developing positive relationships with you as we embark on your child's journey through Key Stage One and beyond!

Warmest wishes

Miss Edwards and Miss Pennington



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2022-2023 Term Dates for Primary and Secondary Phase.

Term	Start	Finish	Bank holidays which fall within the term
Term 1	Thursday 1 st September 2022	Thursday 20 th October 2022	
Term 2	Wednesday 2 nd November 2022	Friday 16 th December 2022	
Term 3	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023	
Term 4	Monday 20 th February 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023	
Term 5	Tuesday 18 th April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023	Monday 1 st May 2023
Term 6	Monday 5 th June 2023	Friday 21 st July 2023	



Development Days (School closed to pupils. Dates correct as at 27th June 2022)

Friday 30th September 2022

Tuesday 1st November 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 20th March 2023 (Trust Day)

Monday 17th April 2023

Monday 3rd July 2023