

# Year 1 Newsletter 2025-2026

## Introduction and welcome



Mrs Scanlan



Mrs Smith



Mrs Prescott

## Home school communication

There are opportunities to speak to your child's class teacher(s) after school on the playground at the end of the school day. Please also do feel free to pass on brief messages in the morning. If a longer discussion is required, please contact the office team who will arrange for your child's teacher to phone you. We do ask that parents do not email teachers directly. Teachers and the senior leadership team can be contacted via email using [admin@weeke.hants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@weeke.hants.sch.uk) There will be other opportunities to come in to school for curriculum events throughout the year.

## Timetable Information

- PPA (planning, preparation and assessment time) is on Wednesday afternoons for Mrs Scanlan and Mrs Smith. Children will be doing PSHE and Computing or DT.
- Mrs Prescott has her PPA time on alternate Friday afternoons, when a sports coach from 360 Sports Coaching will take the children for PE.
- Our other PE days are Tuesday / Thursday afternoons.
- On Tuesday afternoons the children have Forest School Lessons with Mr McGettigan.

## Behaviour

We are proud of the good behavior in our school and work alongside our families to promote our school values of respect, responsibility, kindness and excellence. Our

behaviour policy, which is based on our school values, is available on our school website - [Weeke Primary School - Policies](#)

Both classes have a marble jar or a puzzle which when full, will earn a treat for the whole class. Children earn puzzle pieces/marbles for behaviours linked to our school values. They also earn house points for their colour team. In addition, we have a treat box for exceptional effort and kindness.

### Home learning

In KS1, daily reading is encouraged and we encourage the children to learn their weekly spellings for a mini quiz every Friday.

### Reading

Our school uses *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* as our systematic, synthetic phonics (SSP) programme to teach early reading and spelling. In terms of reading at home with your child, we will be sending home a sharing book that you can talk about and enjoy with your child which they will get from the library. Sharing books makes a big difference to your child's education. When you read to your child you are making a positive impact on your child's reading ability and their love of reading.

Reading a book and chatting about it has a positive impact on your child's ability to:

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills

Reading books your child has chosen to read for pleasure is one of the best things you can do to help them succeed at school. A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success!

In addition your child will continue to bring home a 'learning to read book' which your child should be able to read without your help. If they can't read a word, read it to them and talk about their book and celebrate their success. Reading books need to be returned on a Friday so that a new book can be sent home. Remember you also have access to e-books which are matched to your child's phonic stage too.

Children also have access to e-books through the Hampshire Library Service and the SORA app. Please refer to the relevant page of our school website (link below) for further information, if your child hasn't yet accessed this wonderful facility.

[Weeke Primary School - School Library](#)

On **Wednesday 24th September at 5pm** we will be running a parent workshop to explain the Little Wandle phonics and reading programme for Year 1.

### Attendance

One of the most important ways in which you can support children's learning and education is by ensuring they attend school as regularly as possible. If you're not sure whether you should send your child in, please don't hesitate to contact us or check our website for more information: [Weeke Primary School - Attendance](#)

At Weeke Primary School, we have a strong ethos and emphasis on attendance and punctuality. We know from experience and research that ensuring a child's

attendance is kept high supports their education, well-being and future success. Attendance really does matter.

### Curriculum Overview

Updated curriculum overviews which accompany this newsletter will also be saved on the school website - [Weeke Primary School - Year 1 Holly & Rowan](#)

### Supporting your child's learning

There are two websites that the children are using in class, that they may wish to use at home; One Minute Maths, TopMarks and Phonics play.

[www.topmarks.com](http://www.topmarks.com)

[1-Minute Maths \(whiteroseeducation.com\)](http://1-Minute Maths (whiteroseeducation.com))

### One Minute Maths App

One Minute Maths also have a brilliant app which supports children's understanding of subitising (recognising numbers), and number bonds up to and including 10, which are key elements of the Y1 curriculum.

[1-minute maths app | White Rose Education](#)



<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Phonics play is a great website for children to practice their phonics in a fun way!

### Helping in school

We welcome parent/carer helpers in school. If you are able to come in to school on a regular basis, even for just an hour per week to support children's learning in class or listen to readers, we would very grateful. Please contact the school office [adminoffice@weeke.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@weeke.hants.sch.uk) or speak to your child's class teacher. All volunteers will need to be DBS checked.

### Uniform

Children should wear Weeke Primary School uniform, as detailed on our school website:

[Weeke Primary School - Uniform Information](#)

Please note that only plain hair accessories only may be worn. Large bows or bright coloured ribbons woven into braids are not acceptable hair accessories. Hoodies are not school uniform and should not be worn to school.

### PE

Please remember that PE kits are part of school uniform. PE tshirts do not have to be branded, but do need to be in your child's correct house team colour. PE kits need to be kept in school.

### Playtimes and Lunchtimes

Please ensure your child has a coat or light waterproof at school with them every day. Children do continue to play outside in the rain. Please provide your child with a pair of named wellies which will be stored in school.

Children in year R, 1 and 2 are provided with fruit or vegetables each morning. We ask that older children who choose to bring their own snack from home, only bring in fruit, vegetables, plain bread rolls, rice cakes or similar. Crisps or biscuits are not appropriate play time snacks. For sugar swap suggestions, please refer to <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/sugar/sugar-swaps-for-kids#snack-swaps>

**Nuts or nut products (e.g. Nutella, peanut butter, nut bars) should not be brought in to school as snacks or in lunchboxes as we have a number of children who have a severe allergy to tree nuts and peanuts.**

#### Collection from school

Please let staff know if your child is being collected by someone other than their usual parent/carer.

#### Birthdays

We ask that sweets or cakes are not brought in to school as we have a number of children with food allergies and intolerances.

#### Dress up days and unwanted outfits

We would love your good quality used / unwanted dress up outfits for our themed days in school. Please pass to your child's class teacher.

#### Keeping up to date

It is vital that the school office has your up to date contact details. Please 'like' our school Facebook page, the WPSA page and check the fortnightly 'In The News' for school news.

- Newsletters are available via our website: [Weeke Primary School - Letters & Communications](#)
- The calendar is available here: [Weeke Primary School - Calendar](#)

#### Joining our school

Do you know someone who is interested in their child joining our school? See our information on open days: [Weeke Primary School - 2025-2026 Open Days](#)