

Year 3 Class Bulletin Autumn Term 2026

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<u>A Message from Mr Hawes</u> Welcome Back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. As we begin the new academic year, I am delighted to welcome all of our children and families back to school, including those joining our school community for the very first time. We are looking forward to another exciting year filled with learning, achievement and new opportunities. Our staff have been busy preparing for the term ahead, and we cannot wait to see the children settle into their new classes and continue to grow in confidence, knowledge and independence. I would like to take this opportunity to share some important information regarding your child's class. Please take a few moments to read the information provided by the class teacher, as it contains key details about routines, expectations and learning for the term ahead. Thank you for your continued support. Working together between home and school gives children the very best opportunity to thrive and achieve their potential.	<u>A message from Mrs Houlston and Mrs Hornby</u> Welcome to Year 3! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead as the children begin their Key Stage 2 journey. Year 3 is a year full of new learning, greater independence and lots of opportunities to challenge ourselves. We are excited to get to know the children and support them as they grow in confidence and achieve their very best. This information sheet contains key reminders about classroom routines, expectations and learning. We hope you'll find it useful and perhaps even keep it on the fridge as a handy reference throughout the year! Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working together to make this a happy, successful and memorable year for all our children. 😊 I am hoping that this can be put onto the fridge as a reminder of the things we do in our class. 
<u>Curriculum</u> You can find further information about your child's curriculum and learning journey on our school website, where curriculum overviews for each subject are available. This term, children will enjoy a broad and engaging curriculum across all subject areas. For example, in Religious Education (RE), we will be exploring Creation and Covenant, where pupils will learn about beliefs surrounding the creation of the world and the special promises, or covenants, found within our Catholic faith. Our History focus this half term is the Stone Age. We will be comparing life in the Stone Age Period and how the building of houses have developed throughout the years. Our Science focus will be Rocks and Soils. We will be learning how to become budding Geologists and identify and classify rocks as well as learning all about Volcanoes! Our Maths focus starts	<u>PE Days</u>  PE lessons take place on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit on these days. This should include: • White T-shirt • Black shorts • Trainers or pumps During colder weather, children may wear black jogging bottoms and their school jumper or cardigan over their white T-shirt to help keep warm. Longer hair should be tied back and earrings should be removed. <u>Water Bottles</u> Please ensure your child brings a clean, clearly labelled water bottle to school each day. Access to water throughout the day helps children stay hydrated and ready

with Place Value and we will have a specific arithmetic lesson develop our skills using the four operations.	to learn, while clear labelling helps prevent bottles from being mixed up or misplaced.
<u>Homework</u> Spellings Each Friday, your child will receive a list of spellings linked to their weekly phonics and handwriting learning. We ask that children practise these spellings regularly at home throughout the week, ready for their spelling test the following Thursday. A few minutes of practice each day can make a significant difference and helps to build confidence and accuracy in spelling. Maths Homework Each Friday, children will be set one section from their Maths Workshop book to complete at home. This homework should be returned on or before the following Wednesday. The purpose of the homework is to reinforce the learning that has taken place in class and provide an opportunity for children to practise and apply their mathematical skills independently.	<u>Reading</u> Reading at Home Reading regularly at home is one of the most important ways you can support your child's learning. We ask that your child reads with an adult at least three times each week and that each reading session is recorded in their Reading Record. Reading Records will be checked by the adults in class every week. Support and Communication We want every child to feel confident and successful in their learning. If your child finds any of the homework or tasks challenging, please encourage them to speak to either of us. We are always happy to help and provide any additional support they may need.
<u>Newsletter – Stay Connected</u> To keep up to date with everything happening in school, please visit our new school website and read our weekly newsletter, which is published every Friday. The newsletter includes: • Important school updates and reminders • Messages from Mr Hawes • Star Award winners and celebrations • PTA news and upcoming events • Local parish news • Helpful website links and resources for families Our newsletter is the best way to stay informed about school life and ensure you don't miss any important announcements throughout the year.	<u>Behaviour – Merit Milestones and Rewards</u> We are proud of the positive behaviour and effort shown by our pupils, and we love celebrating their achievements. Children will continue to receive Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates as they reach key merit milestones throughout the year. In addition, every time a child earns 25 merits, they will receive a small class reward to recognise and celebrate their success. To help keep parents informed, children will receive a sticker each time they achieve a merit milestone. We encourage you to celebrate these achievements at home and talk with your child about the positive choices and hard work that helped them reach their goal.