



# Chislet C. E. Primary School



14<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Class 1. It has been lovely watching the children settle into school during their first week part-time. They have taken to school and class routines like ducks to water and we are very excited about seeing this continue now they are in school full time. In Reception, our aim is to create a happy, safe, and stimulating environment where every child feels valued and eager to learn.

We will spend lots of time helping children to settle in, build friendships, and grow in confidence. Through play, exploration, and carefully planned activities, they will develop the skills they need to become curious, independent learners. During the first few weeks, we will focus on:

- Getting to know your child and helping them feel comfortable in their new surroundings.
- Establishing routines and building strong relationships.
- Encouraging independence in areas such as dressing, tidying up, and making choices.

As you are aware Mrs Tiley teaches in class on Monday and Tuesday, Miss Fitzwilliam on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with Mrs Wenman and Miss Wilkinson in the class every day.

This year our topics will be:

**Term 1:** Once Upon a Rhyme

**Term 2:** Celebrations

**Term 3:** Night and Day

**Term 4:** Once Upon a Time

**Term 5:** Down in the Jungle

**Term 6:** Beside the Seaside

Our topic this term is 'Once Upon a Rhyme' and we will be focusing on learning songs for our Nursery Rhyme Challenge. We will keep you up to date on all our learning via the Class Dojo and look forward to sharing individual learning journeys when we meet for parents' consultations in November.

## Upcoming Dates - Term 1





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| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep   | Children in full time, 8.50am-3.20pm. Drop off and collect from playground gate.           |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sep  | Flu Immunisation                                                                           |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct | Harvest Festival at 2pm in the church. All families welcome, details to follow             |
| Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct      | Harvest Service at St Marys Church, Chislet 9.30am All families welcome, details to follow |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct      | Class 1 Nursery Rhyme challenge 2.45pm, please see separate letter.<br>End of Term         |

## PE

Our PE days are Monday and Wednesday. Children come into school and remain in their kits for the whole day. In the cold weather children are welcome to wear joggers and hoodies/jumpers. Trainers are the best option for footwear as we do go outside for most sessions. No jewellery to be worn on PE days, for their own safety.

## Lunches

Children will be able to choose, on a daily basis, if they are having a school dinner or a packed lunch. During registration we will ask the children to make a choice from the lunch menu. Please discuss the menu choices with your child so have an idea what they would like to eat that day.

## Snack and Water Bottles

We provide fruit and milk at snack time, which we have daily around 10.30am. Children are welcome to bring in their own snack from home but we ask that this is fruit, vegetables, breadsticks etc. Children are asked to bring in a water bottle daily, which we will refill in needed and send home at the end of each day.

## Reading

Your child will bring home two books per week, this will be on a Friday. One is their choice from our book corner and is a story for you to share together. The other is a Phonics Reading book; these will be wordless for the first three weeks and are meant to be a point of discussion and to be shared.





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In week 4 they will begin to bring home simple word books. These books are 'show-off' books. The children will have already read these in school and should be 90% fluent by the time they bring them home. They should attempt to read these to you as independently as possible. Once you have read with your child, we would ask that you complete the reading record book. We will send out further information on how we teach phonics and reading in the next few weeks.

## Church

As a school we visit the Church twice a week for Worship and Celebration. These are on Mondays and Fridays. We walk the children over to the Church for 2.50pm and on these days we ask for you to collect your child from the church gates. We will bring them out to you once worship has finished at 3.20pm. Class 1 children will be brought out slightly before the rest of the school.

## Uniform

Please ensure that all cardigans, jumpers and coats are labelled. We will do our best to recover any misplaced uniform, and this task is made much easier when the item is named.

## Book Bags

Due to a small cloakroom area, it would be appreciated if the children could bring in a school book bag, rather than a rucksack/backpack. We also ask that no toys, things hanging from bags etc, are brought into school to prevent them from being lost or damaged and also due to limited space. All resources/equipment for learning are provided in school, so there is no need for pencil cases or stationery to be brought in from home.

## Free School Meals

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Please can you have a look at the above link, if you google 'Kent free school meals' it will take you straight there. This simple form will very quickly let you know if you are eligible to claim free school meals for the duration of their primary education, it will also entitle you to additional bits throughout the year.



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## Reception Baseline Assessment

Over the next week, the children will begin the statutory Reception Baseline Assessment. This is a short, practical and interactive one-to-one activity with a familiar adult, covering early communication, language, literacy and mathematics. It is not a pass-or-fail test and children do not need to prepare for it. The activities will be completed in a relaxed way as part of the normal school day and will help to provide a starting point for measuring progress through primary school.

## Sponsored Sing Friday 23 October

On the final day of term, the children will take part in our Sponsored Sing. Throughout the day, they will sing and perform the nursery rhymes and songs they have learned during our Once Upon a Rhyme topic. This will be a fun celebration of their learning and a lovely way to build confidence together.

Money raised will support our ongoing fundraising for new indoor and outdoor block-play resources for Class 1. Families are invited to help their child collect sponsors and to practise the rhymes at home. Please return sponsorship money in accordance with the information on the sponsorship form.

We value working in close partnership with you and look forward to sharing your child's achievements and progress throughout the year. You will receive regular updates, and there will be opportunities to come into school and see what we have been learning. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact the office or message us on Class Dojo.

Kind Regards

Miss Fitzwilliam, Mrs Tiley, Mrs Wenman and Miss Wilkinson