

Meet the Teacher

Year 1

2025 - 2026



# Year 1 Team

Teachers: Mrs Michelle Lawford

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Hancock, Mrs Kinton, Mrs O'Mahoney, Miss Barberly and Mrs Rowe



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# Year 1 Topics

Autumn 1: What would you use to build a house?

Autumn 2: How have toys changed through time?

Spring 1: How do we keep people safe at sea?

Spring 2: How has transport changed over time?

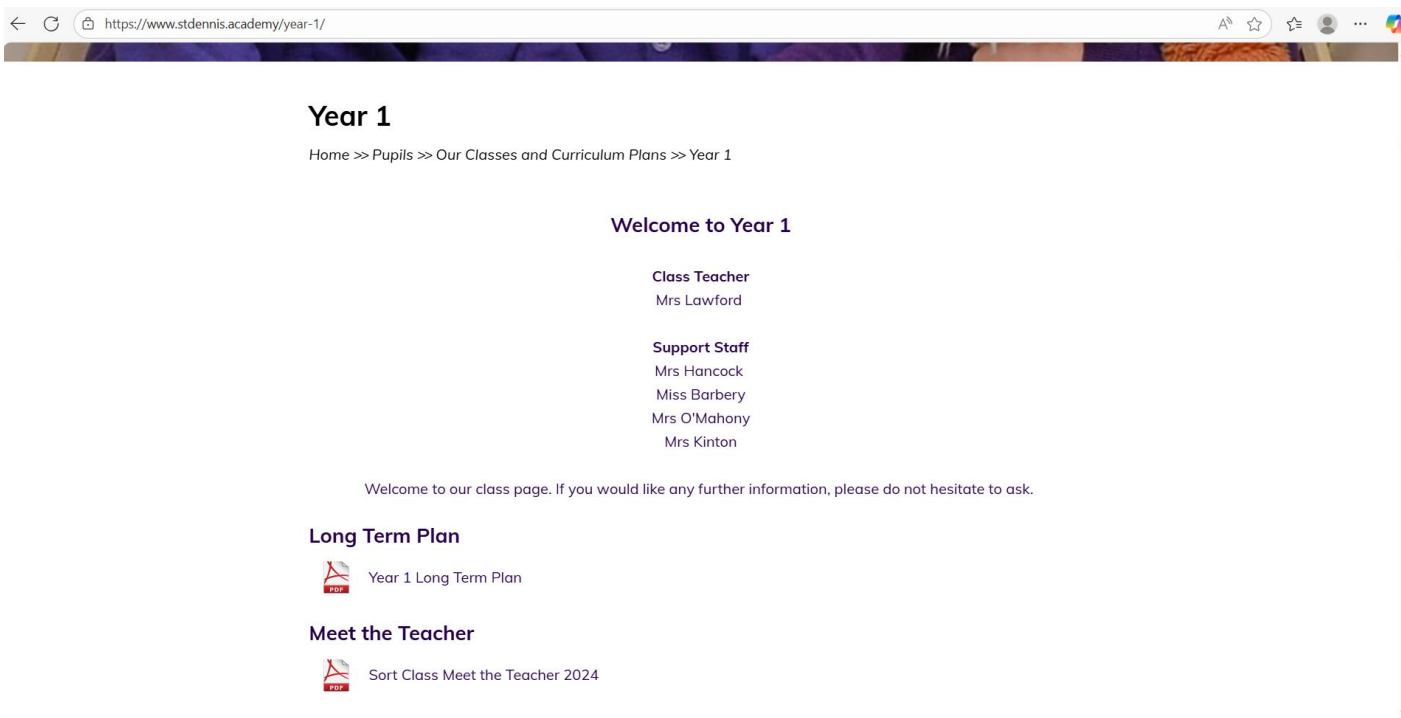
Summer 1: How does your garden grow?

Summer 2: Where in the world would you travel?



# Website

Our class website page has all our plans for the coming term and Knowledge Organisers with key learning. You will also receive a paper copy of these.





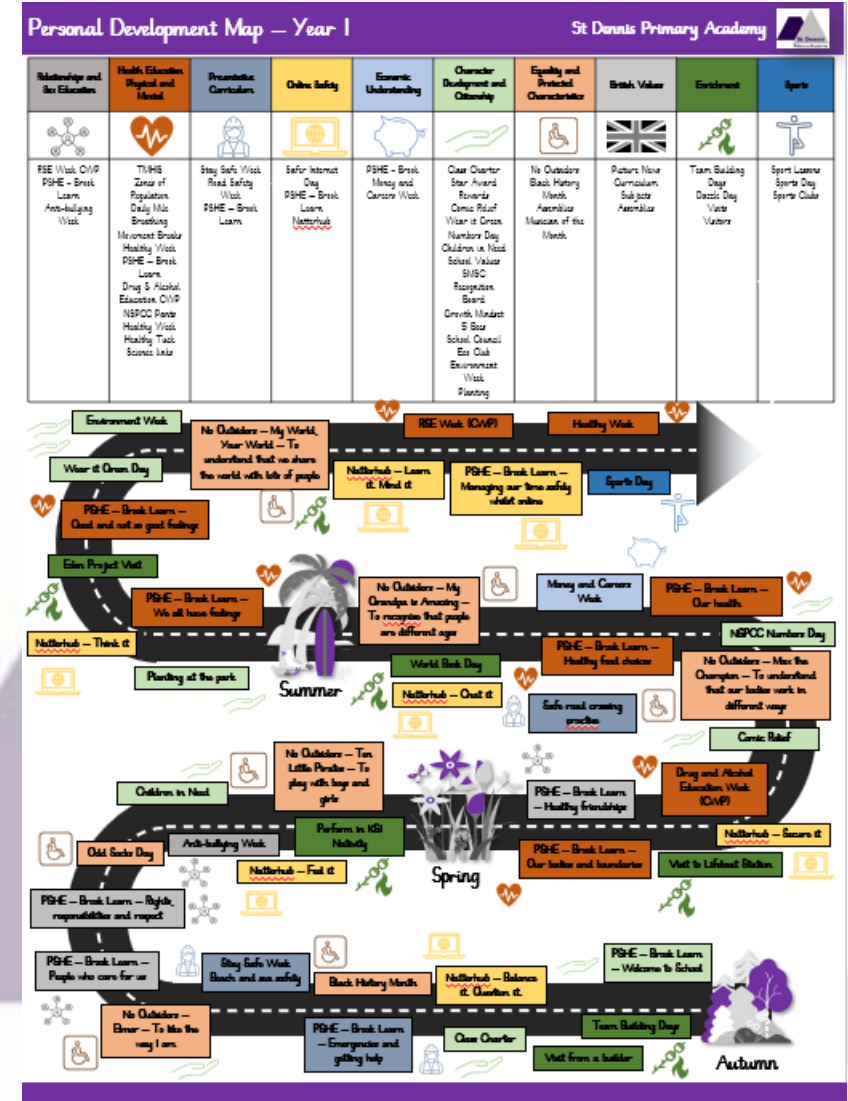
# Special to Year 1

## Phonics Screening – June

## Visits/Trips

- Visit from a builder
- Visit to a lifeboat station
- Village walks to record different landmarks
- Visit to Eden Project
- Visit from a travel agent

Year 1			
Activity	Date	Signal	
Go on a guided adventure trail			
Pyjama and bedtime story day			
Perform in a Christmas play			
Create flower art with tissue paper			
Design and make a moving vehicle			
Learn sea shanties			
Design and make a healthy smoothie			
Interview a builder			
Try out athletic events at a competition			
Write and post a postcard			



# Uniform

## School Uniform

- School sweatshirt or cardigan with (or without) school logo
- White polo shirt
- School fleece with (or without) school logo
- **Black** trousers (black jeans are not permitted) or black skirt
- **Black** smart shorts (not sports shorts)
- Sensible plain black shoes or plain black trainers

## Jewellery

The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of stud earrings – no other piercings are permitted
- A sensible wrist watch – no electronic smart watches are permitted

## Make-up

- Make-up, nail varnish, false nails and nail extensions are not permitted.

## Hairstyles

- Extreme hairstyles, such as mohawks and patterned or brightly coloured hair, are not acceptable.
- Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons, e.g. during PE.
- Bandana style headbands and flowers/bows or excessive hair accessories are not to be worn; however, plain hair clips or bands are acceptable.

## PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt with (or without) school logo
- Black shorts (or plain jogging bottoms / leggings in cold weather)
- Suitable trainers or other sports footwear e.g. football boots, plimsolls

*\*Please note that school jumpers can be worn with PE kits rather than other jumpers or hoodies which are not school uniform*

We thank you in advance for your support with this in the next academic year.

If anyone needs any help with school uniform, please speak to the School Office.



# Homework

	Home	School
<b>Monday</b> Inset Day		
<b>Tuesday</b> Inset Day		
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>		
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>		

## Optional Topic Homework Challenges

A range of extra home-based activities your child could complete over this half term, which are linked to our topic of 'What would you use to build a house?'.  
Please bring any completed work (or evidence of completed work, e.g. a signature/photo/note in the child's diary) to school.

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Build a den using different materials inside or outside.	Draw and/or write what happens next in <i>The Three Little Pigs</i> .
Go on a village walk – what landmarks can you see? Draw a map showing the route you took and the landmarks you spotted!	Paint a picture of one of the days of Creation.
Create a timeline of what happens in <i>The Three Little Pigs</i>	Create your own stained glass window
Build a strong house made from Lego that a wolf couldn't blow down!	Write all the number bonds to 10.

# Recognition Boards, Golden Time and Rewards

Follow instructions with thought and care.

Care for everyone and everything.

Show respect and good manners at all times.



# School Lunches and Healthy Tuck

School lunches are provided by Aspens and are free to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. In Key Stage 2, meals now cost £2.75.

These **MUST** be booked in advance.

However, the school receives additional funds for children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant and families need to apply for this online. The school uses this to fund staffing and subsidies towards residential etc so please apply, even if your child is in Reception to Year 2.

Link to apply: <https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/synergyweb/FSMMain.aspx>.

We also ask that children bring a healthy snack for breaktime rather than chocolate, cake, crisps or biscuits. Children will be asked to look for something healthier in their lunchbox if they have these foods or offered a piece of fruit from our fruit station. Healthy choices will be rewarded.



# Breakfast and After School Club

The standard daily fee for attending the Breakfast Club is £3 and the After School Club is £4.50. There is a discounted rate of £4 for siblings who attend the After School Club on the same day.

Bookings are made on Arbor in advance (by 6pm the previous day) <https://www.parentpay.com/>.

Parents and carers can drop children to Breakfast Club at the bottom gate on School Lane from 08:00. Children have a range of games, toys, puzzles, craft materials and construction toys to play with once they have eaten their breakfast.

At After School Club, children have the same activities as Breakfast Club to choose from and there is also a daily activity planned that all children can be involved in such as a craft activity or baking. Screentime is limited to a 'film-night' every now and again.

Children can be collected from the same place before 17:00.



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# Attendance

A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, was introduced following changes to the law last year.

There is a national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.

This mean you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of an £80 penalty notice being issued. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

There is a Leave of Absence Request form to be completed and given to Mrs Brokenshire before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised.

If you are worried about attendance, please contact us to arrange a meeting with Mrs Nash (Attendance Lead) to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.

The image shows a document titled 'Attendance Awards' with three sections for different school terms: Autumn Term, Spring Term, and Summer Term. Each section contains a grid of boxes labeled 'Week 1' through 'Week 10' or 'Week 13'. A small 'GREAT Attendance' sticker is placed on the top right of the Autumn Term grid. The document is tilted and set against a background that includes the school's name, 'St Dennis Primary Academy'.

# After School Clubs

## Autumn Term Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Performing Arts Club</b> Mrs Loveridge KS2</p>	<p><b>Makaton Club</b> Miss Stokes Rec &amp; KSI</p>	<p><b>Brass Band Club</b> St Dennis Band Years 4,5,6 Instruments provided (14 only)</p>	<p><b>Art Club</b> Miss Rollason KS2</p>	
<p>Come to Performing Arts Club where you will be performing in front of your parents and carers in a finale.</p>	<p>Come to Makaton Club where we will record some songs and publish them!</p>	<p>Come to Brass Band Club where you will perform to children in an end of term assembly.</p>	<p>Come to Art Club where you will develop your sculpture skills.</p>	
<p><b>Football Club</b> Miss Kent KS2</p>	<p><b>TEC Girls Stop Motion Club</b> Mrs Nash KS2 (Girls only)</p>	<p><b>Choir</b> Mr Hawken KS2</p>	<p><b>Eco Club</b> Mrs Bateson KS2</p>	
<p>Come to Football Club where you will be competing in a tournament.</p>	<p>Come to TEC Girls Stop Motion Club where you will become 'TEC Girl Mentors' for the rest of the school!</p>	<p>Come to Choir where you will perform in the Church at Christmas.</p>	<p>Come to Eco Club where you will be working towards achieving the 'Green Flag Award'.</p>	
<p><b>Arts and Crafts</b> Mrs Hawken KSI</p>	<p><b>Songwriting Club</b> Mr Murdock KS2</p>		<p><b>Netball Club</b> Mrs Parekh KS2</p>	
<p>Come to Arts and Craft Club where you will develop your creativity and imagination through exploring lots of different materials and techniques.</p>	<p>Come to Songwriting Club where you will learn songwriting skills to write songs we will perform in school.</p>		<p>Come to Netball Club where you will play in a netball match against another school.</p>	
<p><b>Sensory Club</b> Miss Yorke KSI &amp; KS2</p>			<p><b>Kindness Club</b> Mrs Lawford Years 2,3,4</p>	
<p>Come to Sensory Club where you will enhance your social and emotional skills through sensory play.</p>			<p>Come to Kindness Club where you will perform acts of kindness around the school and community.</p>	

# Communication

- St Dennis News every Friday - all dates and information on here
- Text and email from the School Office
- Facebook 
- Class newsletters every Friday
- Planners
- 'Coffee and Cake' - Topics for these are gratefully received!



# And finally!

Open door policy – Please come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Any questions?

Thank you for coming!

