



Great Abington Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to our new children and their families, and welcome back to our Year 1s!

I hope you have all had an adventurous and enjoyable Summer break, and that you have also managed to recharge your batteries. I am so excited to begin the term; getting to know you and the children, and working together to support your child to be the best they can be. The Year 1 children will begin their term on **Thursday 3rd September**, with our new Reception children beginning on **Friday 4th September from 8.40-10.15am**.

Our topic for the Autumn term is *All about Me* and *Toys*. The children will have a chance to share things about themselves and their families, take part in creating some self portraits, and look at how toys have changed over time. Our plan for the term, for all areas of the curriculum, can be found on the school website, and I will also post it on Google Classroom.

Our Phonics sessions will begin as soon as we return to school. For the Year 1 children, they will be joining the Year 1s in Class 2. The Reception children will work on fine tuning their listening skills and distinguishing between a range of sounds; this is key in supporting them to be able to hear the sounds in words. Our EYFS (Reception) Reading Workshop will be on September 23rd 2026 and I would encourage as many parents to attend as they can. This will give you an understanding of HOW we will teach phonics, and how you can support your child.

Water bottles- Please ensure your child has a NAMED water bottle in school at all times, and they should have **water only**. They will be supported to drink regularly throughout the day and encouraged to refill it.

Wellies / Spare Clothes- please ensure your child has a small bag of spare clothes that can be left at school (underwear, socks etc) If your child borrows something from school, please wash and return. We like to be outside come rain or shine, so please can you bring in a labelled pair of wellies for your child to have access to at school.

PE- The children will initially have PE on Tuesday and a Friday. For these days, please send your child into school in their PE kit.

Reading- Reading is the doorway to all learning. Your child will bring home a phonics scheme book and a reading record and these will need to be brought into school every FRIDAY so they can be changed. Of



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course, you can read a range of books with and to your child as well. These books are part of our systematic approach to phonics (Floppy's Phonics), and I will be able to give you more detail about how it works at the EYFS Reading Workshop. Mrs Robinson (Phonics Leader/C1 Teacher) will run a Phonics Workshop for the Year 1 parents on 16th September 2026.

Google Classroom- The whole school will be using Google Classroom as our educational platform for photos, updates from the classroom, homework tasks (after Christmas). There is an app you can download onto your device, and then just login with your child's email and password. Please do get in contact if you have any problems logging on.

There will be a range of Parent Workshops over the year. The purpose of these is to enable you to fully understand how things are taught at Great Abington, and how best you can support your child at home. Please keep an eye on the school website, Mr Underwood's updates and Google Classroom.

We have a birthday display in Class 1 and love to help the children celebrate their birthdays at school! They are very welcome to bring in some sweet treats to share with the class if you wish. (Minimal plastic please, no individually wrapped sweets). If you do not want your child to have one for any reason, please let me know.

Please feel free to contact me via Google Classroom or email, or speak to me in person if there is anything you wish to discuss. I look forward to working with you and your child over the academic year.

Many thanks,

Mrs J Robinson

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