

Welcome to the New Academic Year

Years 1 & 2

A Guide For Parents

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome back to the academic year 2025-2026.

This PowerPoint has been produced in case you were unable to attend our market place event and gives you some important information about this academic year.

If you wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please drop them an email at the email addresses shown below or catch them after school in the playground.

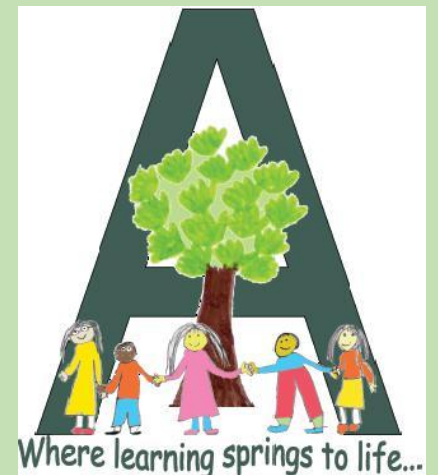
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Pine - pine@avenue.leicester.sch.uk



Term Dates for the Academic Year 2025-2026

Autumn Term 1

Schools open – Tuesday 26th August 2025

Schools close – Friday 17th October 2025

Half Term Holiday – Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025

Autumn Term 2

Schools open – Monday 27th October 2025 INSET day – Friday 28th November School closed to children.

Schools close – Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas and New Year holiday – Monday 22nd December – 2nd January 2026

Spring Term 1

Schools open – Monday 5th January 2026

Schools close – Friday 13th February 2026

Spring Half Term Holiday – Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Spring Term 2

INSET day – Monday 23rd February 2026 School closed to children. Schools open – Tuesday 24th February 2026

Schools close – Friday 27th March 2026

Easter Holidays – Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term 1

Schools open – Monday 13th April 2026 Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2026

Schools close – Friday 22nd May 2026

May Half Term Holiday – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Summer Term 2

INSET day – Monday 1st June 2026 School closed to children

Schools open – Tuesday 2nd June 2026

Schools close – Friday 10th July 2026

Summer Holiday begins - Monday 13th July 2026

School Timings

	Year 1 & 2
School start time	Fir and Ash – Invited into school at 8.45am Oak, Elm and Pine – Invited into school at 8.45 Registration - 8.50am
Playtime	Yr 1 & 2 10.20am-10.35am Yr 1 2.15pm – 2.30pm
Lunchtime	12.00 - 1.00pm
End of school pick up time	3.15pm

Drop off and Pick Up Point

The school gates will be opened at 8.40am and we would ask that parents enter the playground and wait with their child. At 8.45am the children from Ash, Fir, Oak, Elm and Pine will be welcomed by their class teacher and will go straight into school on their respective playgrounds. Please note: parents can move between playgrounds using the walkway beside our reception classrooms.

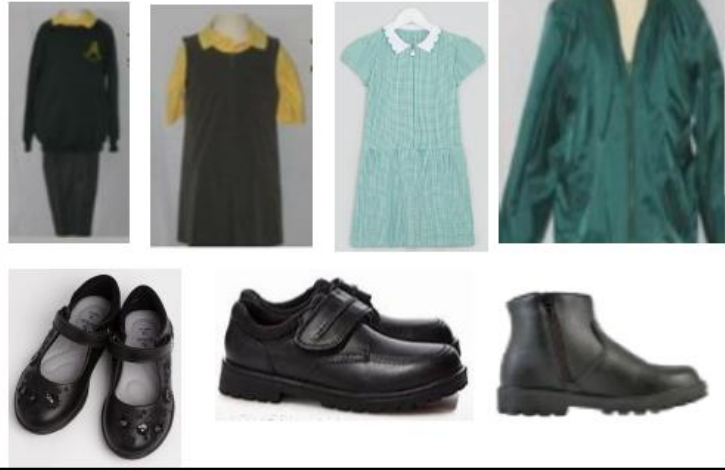
Playtimes

Playtimes are as times above and are outside weather dependent. Please ensure your child has suitable clothing for all weather conditions i.e. a waterproof coat so if it is only drizzling for example the children can still go out to play and get some fresh air.

Lunchtimes

Children who have a hot dinner eat in the small hall. Whilst the weather is good, children with a packed lunch will eat outside. When we are having wet weather and/or very cold or very hot weather, the children will eat in the classrooms or the main hall.

Uniform and PE Kits



Our school uniform:

- Grey trousers, dress, knee length skirt or shorts
- Yellow polo shirt
- Green cardigan or sweater (Logo available)
- Green or yellow school dress
- A warm, waterproof coat
- Black school shoes or boots (No trainers unless it is a PE day)
- A hat, scarf and gloves in winter

Jewellery

Earrings may be worn as long as they are studs. Watches can be worn as long as they are not smart watches.

PE Kits

Children need to come into school in their PE kits on their PE days.

As we will be doing as much PE outside as possible, the children's PE kit needs to be suitable for **all weather**. Trainers should be worn rather than plimsolls for colder/wetter weather **on PE days only**.

No jewellery should be worn and hair must be tied back on PE days.

Uniform

We intend to do as much learning outside as we can and for this reason, we would like the children to have a **waterproof coat in school every day**.



PE Kits and After School Sports Clubs

If your child has a place at an after school sports club, they should bring their kit in a bag and get changed after school. Again trainers should be worn rather than plimsolls on wet/colder days.

PE

Year 1 & 2 PE Days

<u>Class</u>	<u>PE Days</u>	
Ash	Indoor - Wednesday	Outdoor - Monday
Fir	Indoor - Wednesday	Outdoor - Monday
Oak	Indoor - Tuesday	Outdoor - Friday
Elm	Indoor - Tuesday	Outdoor - Thursday
Pine	Indoor - Friday	Outdoor - Thursday

School Dinners

Ordering

All KS1 dinners are free.

Meals should be ordered in advance through the School Money system, please book in advance for the week ahead.

If you require assistance or clarification on how to do this, please contact our admin team on 0116 2708326 or email office@avenue.leicester.sch.uk.

Here is a sample of the hot dinner menu being provided by Aspens

Spring Summer 2025 11/03/25, 21/04/25, 12/05/25, 02/06/25, 23/06/25, 14/07/25, 04/08/25, 25/08/25, 15/09/25, 06/10/25					
	 THE MAIN EVENT	 MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	 RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Potatoes	 BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets	 DESSERT TROLLEY
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza Slice and Wedges	Hot Tomato Pasta	Baked Beans	Beans or Cheese	Toffee Biscuit Bars
TUESDAY	Chicken Biryani	Veggie Biryani	Crudites Cucumber / Carrots	Beans or Cheese	Classic Trifle
WEDNESDAY	Roast Chicken, New Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy HALF PRICE	Vegetable and Stuffing Loaf with New Potatoes	Carrots	Beans or Cheese	Bananas & Custard
THURSDAY	Tomato and Basil Chicken Pasta Bake HALF PRICE	Veggie Noodle Stir Fry	Crudites Cucumber / Carrots	Beans or Cheese	Strawberry and Pineapple Jelly
FRIDAY	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips	Peas	Beans or Cheese	Coconut Crisp Bar

Themed Lunches

Keep an eye out for our planned themed lunches, which we are hoping to have monthly.
There is no cost for children in EYFS to Year 2.

Tuesday 10th September 2024



Greek Themed Lunch



Moussaka



Malted Baguette



Greek Salad



Yogurt with Fruit

Only £2.50 per child or free for in EYFS to Year 2 or those who are free school meals.



Remember to save the date and book this delicious themed lunch!

The Curriculum – Autumn Term 1

Maths

This half term our focus will be on place value.

In year 1 children will count forwards and backwards to 10, order numbers, represent numbers with pictures, count one more and one less and use the symbols < > and =. Initially children will work with numbers up to 10.

In year 2 we will be counting forwards and backwards to 50, ordering numbers, recognising tens and ones, use place value charts and part whole models to show tens and ones and use the symbols < > and =. Initially children will recap numbers within 20 and 50 before moving on to numbers within 100.

Our lessons follow the CPA (concrete, pictorial and abstract) approach to learning. Each Friday we have 'Problem Solving Friday' lessons, which teach children how to problem solve and reason.

English

Reading

Children will read each week in a guided reading group. During these sessions, each child will read to the class teacher and then verbally answer comprehension questions. They will use the text to find evidence and reflect on events so far to answer inference questions. Also each week, every child will read their school reading book to an adult. As a class we will also read a shared reading book once a week.

Writing

At the beginning of term, all children will write sentences to describe a character from our whole school text Tiddalik. We will then look at the story Lila and the Rain. We will focus on using a full stop and capital letter and introduce adjectives. Year 1 will focus this half term on forming letters correctly and writing a simple sentence. Year 2 will focus on correct use of full stops and capital letters. We will also be using conjunctions and expanded noun phrases to add further detail. All classes will practise spelling of common words and using their phonics to spell words.

The Curriculum

Phonics

Every day the children will have a phonics lesson. This half term pupils in year 1 will revise phase 3 and year 2 will revise phase 5 sounds.

Topic

This half term we are starting geography where the children will learn about their local area and where in the world we live. During our walk that is planned, the children will be able to identify human and physical features. They will be able to compare their local area to Kenya and have the opportunity to look at maps and atlases to support their learning.

PSHCE

Our first PSHCE unit is about family and friends. The children will explore the qualities that make a good friend and develop some strategies when friendships may run into difficulties. They will also learn that there are different family patterns and to recognise what is special about their own families.

The Curriculum

Music

In music, we will listen to and appraise different songs. The children will play a variety of warm up games and complete activities where they will be able to consider pulse, rhythm and pitch. Children will also play along to the music using glockenspiels.

Computing

Each half term we will have an online safety lesson. The children will also look at our unit on Beebots this half term and how we can program them to follow instructions.

RE

Our RE unit is about what stories from religious traditions can teach us about God and what are we able to learn from these other stories. We will learn why the story of Moses is important to Jewish people and listen to some parables and understand how these were used to teach people by God.

Art

In art, we will create self portraits and use finger painting to create some aboriginal paintings linked to our first text Tiddalik.

PE

For year 1, indoor sports sessions will be dance and outdoor PE will be athletics. Year 2 will do gymnastics indoors and dodgeball outdoors.

Year 2

Forest School

In year 2, pupils will complete 12 Forest School sessions throughout the academic year, split into two six-week blocks. Sessions will take place in the school grounds and will be outdoors whatever the weather. Children will be offered wellies and a waterproof coat to wear during the session.

What is Forest School?

Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. For more information, you can learn more at <https://forestschoollassociation.org/what-is-forest-school/>.



Assemblies

Mrs Goddard will lead a KS1 assembly each Monday which will either be based on Picture News (see info below), whole school events that are coming up or significant historical events around the world.

Picture News allows children to learn from the world around us! Each week a current news story will be the focus, alongside an image, a thought-provoking question and a variety of teaching resources. Their resources are designed to provide opportunities for children to learn from our world and develop respect for other's beliefs, feelings and faiths. They encourage exploration, discussion, challenge and inspire children to learn!

Below are some examples from Picture News:

What's happening in the news this week?



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
1952 2022



Let's have a look at this week's poster!

23rd - 29th May 2022

How does it make me feel?



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UN Rights of a Child



We all have the right to rest, relax, play and take part in cultural and creative activities. The Queen's Jubilee provides an opportunity to do this.



REST, PLAY, CULTURE, ARTS

During the week, there will also be class assemblies linked to the Monday assembly, a singing assembly and either a pupil of the week or team points assembly.

Home Learning and Seesaw

All home learning will be through Seesaw. It will be posted on Seesaw on Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday. At the beginning of term, the children will be given a home learning book to take home, this is to be used to complete some of the home learning tasks. For practical tasks, please take a photograph of the completed work and post on Seesaw.

If you wish to have a paper copy of the tasks or knowledge organisers, then please let your child's class teacher know. Where possible, we are paperless to help the environment as we are an Eco School.



Home Learning

Home learning websites:

Log Ins

In the front of your child's home learning book they will have their Seesaw login.



In addition to this Year 1 will also have a Numbots login.



Year 2 will have a login for MyMaths.



Reading at Home

Reading Books

Each week your child will change their school reading books and read to an adult. Each time your child reads to you at home please sign and date their race track. **Children should read to an adult at home most days.** Please ask questions about the story or information to support your child with their comprehension. Your child's reading books and race track should come to school every day so that they can also read in school and be signed each time they have read. It is a competition to see who can collect the most reading miles!

Your child will bring home two reading books each week. One is a phonics based book and the other is a book for you to read together.

Every three weeks, children will visit our school library and can bring their book home to share with you. All of KS1 will also be visiting Knighton library this term, we would love to see children regularly borrowing books from Knighton Library. The books are free to borrow.

Oxfordowl.co.uk is a useful website where children can access books online that are in our school reading scheme.



Planned Trips and Visits

<u>Term</u>	<u>Trip or Visit we intend to do over this academic year</u>
Autumn 1	Visit in the local area linked to Geography
Autumn 2	Beaumanor Hall – Pirate experience day Knighton Library Possible in school visit from a nurse/drama workshop linked to our topic on Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell
Spring 2	In school visit from Zoolab Victoria Park to look at seasonal changes
Summer 1	Visit to Bosworth Heritage Centre Visit to the Gurdwara
Summer 2	Visit to the Allotments on Queens Road

Information about Year 1 & 2 Teachers

All about Miss Disley



I love animals, especially dogs and birds.



I enjoy travelling and exploring new places.



I like to keep busy with DIY and gardening.



Pink is my favourite colour.

I like to cook and have learned how to make the paneer and sweetcorn curry that used to be on the school menu!

All About Miss Thomson



I love to explore new places and have recently climbed Catbells in the Lake District.



I lived in the United Arab Emirates for 13 years.



My favourite colours are blue and green.



I am a creative person and enjoy making candles, jewellery and enjoy DIY home projects.



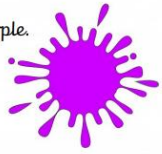
My favourite animals are cats and dogs.

In July 2024 I donated my hair for the Little Princess Trust.



All about Miss Giles

My favourite colour is purple.



I would like a pet turtle.



I enjoy going for long walks in the countryside.



I love giraffes and butterflies.



My favourite food is pasta.



I have a giraffe called Gerald.



I have a pet tortoise called Trixie.



I like to listen to music and go to concerts.



I love going shopping and buying clothes.



Miss Marvin

My favourite colour is lilac.



My favourite animal is a cow.



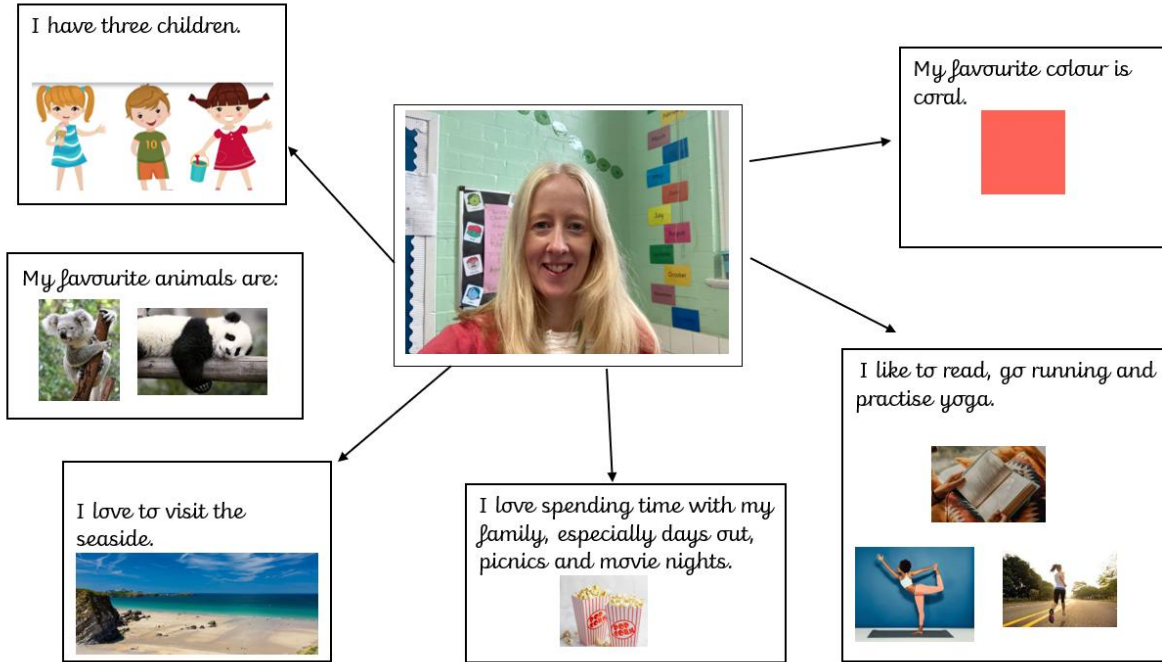
I have lots of house plants at home.



My favourite food is vegan macaroni cheese.



All about Mrs Hall



All about Mrs Locke

