



Year 1 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2026/2027



Notices and Reminders

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a wonderful half-term break.

Our PE day for this term is Monday. Please make sure that your child wears their PE kit to school on this day instead of their uniform.

On non-PE days, we ask that your child comes to school in correct school uniform. Full details about our uniform expectations can be found at:

<https://www.mytchett.kite.academy/parents/school-uniform/>

Phonics

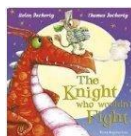
In phonics the children will be learning these Phase 5 sounds:

/or/ <au>, /ee/ <ey>, /ai/ <a-e>, /ee/ <e-e>, /igh/ <l-e>, /oa/ <o-e>, /oo/ /y+oo/ <u-e>, /s/ <c>, /ee/ <y>, and /or/ <al>.

They are learning to read the harder to read and spell words: please, once, any, many, again, who, whole, where, two.

Writing

This half term, the writing that the children will be doing will be based on two fiction texts: Supertato and The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight. They will learn the texts, innovate and write the texts and then learn language features. Simple editing skills will be taught throughout the lessons. The main focus will be for the children to be using capital letters, finger spaces and punctuation marks correctly.



Key Dates

November 2026

Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th - Y5 Runways End residential

Saturday 7th - FFMPs fireworks evening

Wednesday 11th - YR writing workshop (2:30pm)

Thursday 12th - Christmas pantomime (Y1-Y6)

Thursday 12th - Non-school uniform day (£2 cash donation for FFMPs)

Tuesday 17th - Flu vaccinations

Thursday 19th - Individual and sibling photographs

Friday 20th - Children in Need day (wear something spotty/mufti)

Monday 30th - Y4 multiplication tables check parent workshop (2:45pm)

December 2026

Tuesday 1st - Y6 SATs parent workshop (2:45pm)

Friday 4th - Autumn family forum meeting (9:00am)

Wednesday 9th - EYFS Christmas singalong

Thursday 11th - SEND coffee afternoon (2:30pm)

Friday 11th - Autumn term SMILE afternoon (3:00pm)

Monday 14th - KS1 nativity performance (4:30pm)

Wednesday 16th - Christmas lunch (children wearing Christmas jumpers/mufti)

Wednesday 16th - KS2 carols in the courtyard (4:30pm)

Thursday 17th - FFMPs Christmas craft day

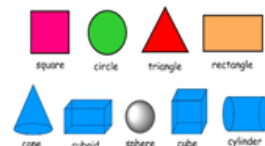
Friday 18th - Last day of term

Monday 21st to Friday 1st - Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January 2027 – spring term begins

Maths

This half term the children will continue to learn strategies for addition and subtraction. They will use resources such as counters, tens frames and part-whole models to support. The children will also learn how to recognise, name and sort 2D and 3D shapes. They will use this knowledge to help them with identifying and creating their own patterns.



Science

This half term the children will be exploring different materials and comparing their properties. They will use terminology such as transparent, opaque, hard, soft, rigid and flexible. The children will carry out an investigation about absorption and find out which brand of kitchen roll is the most absorbent!



Geography

This half term the children will be exploring the big question 'What are the world's continents and oceans?' The children will learn about the seven continents and five oceans, before identifying them on maps, globes and atlases. They will explore some features of each continent and learn how to identify their surrounding oceans.



DT

This half term the children will be making fruit smoothies. They will start by learning all about fruits and vegetables, including how they grow. They will then learn how to prepare fruit safely, whilst having the opportunity to taste a variety of fruits before using a recipe to make their own fruit smoothies.



PE

This half term the children will be dancing their way through PE! They will be learning how to travel safely from one place to another, jumping and balancing. They will then be learning dance sequences using a series of movements to some amazing songs!



Computing

This term the children will be learning how to use technology responsibly. They will identify different types of information technology and learn how these can help them. In the lessons the children will use iPads, exploring how to open/close tabs and how to type.



PSHE

The children will be learning how to stay healthy this half term. They will be looking at what a healthy diet is and sorting healthy and less healthy foods. They will then be thinking about how to keep their bodies and minds healthy. They will be focusing on things they can do to help their minds stay happy and healthy.



Suggested books for reading

