



YEAR 1

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER • 2026



Welcome back!

We hope you have had a lovely summer and have enjoyed spending time with family and friends. We are very much looking forward to a wonderful year with our new Year 1 children. We are excited to begin this term with lots of engaging and creative learning opportunities through play-based learning.

LIBRARY

Our library day is on Friday.

Please make sure books are in your child's book bag so that they can choose a new one each week.

WATER BOTTLES

Your child will need to bring in a named bottle with water in each day.

WELLY WALKS

We are looking forward to lots of fun welly walks in Year 1! Please bring a pair of named wellies to leave on the racks outside the classroom.

PE

- Outdoor PE on Thursday
- Indoor PE on Wednesday

The children will need their PE kit (shorts, t-shirt, trainers, jumper and trousers) in school by Monday 7th September in readiness for our first PE lesson.

CONTACTING US

Communications can be made to your child's class teacher through Class Dojo. Your child will bring home an invite with a code that will enable you to join and connect to your child's new class teacher.

Class Dojo is for brief behaviour and curriculum communication during school opening hours. It is not to be used for prolonged communications, reporting absence or making complaints.

Photos can be shared and used as talking points for class 'sharing time'. Please feel free to send photos of any exciting events and home learning.

SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

The best way to support your child's learning at home is to read with them every day. The impact of reading, being read to and sharing stories every day is invaluable.

Each week, your child will bring home a reading book linked to the phonics sound they are accessing in class. Please record reading in their reading record. Children receive house points and stickers for every read. Four or more reads in one week enters them into our reading raffle, giving them a chance to use our Berrywood Home Reading vending machine!

Your child will also bring home a library book each week. Please keep both books safely in their book bag when not being read. Oxford Owl will continue to support reading in school and at home using the same login from Year R.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

14.10.26 - Grange Park Walk

19.10.26 - Autumn Market

18.11.26 and 20.11.26 - Individual School Photos

26.10.26 - Half Term Week

10.11.26 and 12.11.26 - Parents Evening

17.11.26 - Year 1 Celebration 9.15am

27.11.26 - INSET Day

4.12.26 - Christmas Fayre (timings TBC)

18.12.26 - Last Day of Term Optional Early Finish 1.15pm

OUR FIRST PROJECT: 'ME, YOU AND US'

We will be learning all about our bodies, families, pets, homes and local environment. There will be lots of reading, writing and maths opportunities as well as opportunities for your child to explore, investigate, learn and be creative in our role play, small world, creative and construction areas.

FRUIT SNACK

The children will be given a piece of fruit or veg each day at snack time. Alternatively, your child can bring in a piece of fruit from home.

PARENT HELPERS

We are always extremely grateful for offers of parent help. Please send a Dojo message to your child's class teacher with the day and time that is best for you.

IF YOU ARE CONCERNED

Please raise concerns with your child's class teacher. If this does not resolve things, contact Mrs Sheath (Year Team Leader) to arrange a meeting. Further concerns can be raised with the office to arrange a meeting with a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

We hope that you have found this letter informative and would like to thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to working alongside you to ensure that your children have a fantastic year at Berrywood.
Yours sincerely,



Mrs Sheath



Mrs Ouro and Miss Rowland

