



Temple Guiting Church of England School

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Class 1 Reception Parents

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to personally welcome you to Temple Guiting C of E School, and hope you and your child are looking forward to the exciting academic year ahead. In order for you to understand and be a part of your child's education we have attached a topic overview for this half term to give you an outline of the curriculum we will be following. The main focus of this term is to help your child feel comfortable and settled in their new surroundings, supported by a variety of play-based activities in the various areas of learning which make up the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum.

In the forthcoming weeks we will be undertaking a range of formal baseline assessments. This will include the RBA (Reception Baseline Assessment) which became statutory in schools in September 2021. It is an activity-based assessment of pupils' starting points in language, communication and literacy, and mathematics. The RBA is a short, task-based assessment. These assessments are nothing to be concerned about as each Reception class is now required to undertake a formal baseline and they help us steer each individual in the direction needed to develop the required skills and fill any gaps in their learning.

Topic Learning

To support the topic of 'Superhero Me' can you please send in one 6x4 photograph of your child with their immediate family and one of them as a baby. These will be used as we progress through the topic and may be stuck into your child's book. (Please do not send in more than 2 photographs and any that have a sentimental value). If you could put your child's name on the back of each photo and place them in a named envelope we would be very grateful. This year the children will also have a junk modelling station so if you have any bottle tops, cling film/foil tubes, small boxes, buttons, etc we would be very grateful for them.

Staffing

Just a little reminder of the staffing arrangements in Class 1.

Mrs Cotton – EYFS lead and class teacher Tuesday-Friday.

Mrs Hourihan – Class Teacher on a Monday.

Mrs Dobson – Class teaching assistant Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Lucy – Class teaching assistant on a Wednesday.

Birthdays

We love to celebrate special occasions at our school and this includes the children's birthdays. In class we sing to the children whilst they wear the birthday hat and they are allowed to bring a cake or cupcakes in to share with their peers. Once a fortnight, on a Friday morning at the end of our 'Celebration Assembly' children who have recently celebrated their birthday are also invited up to the front for the whole school to sing to them.

Celebration Assembly

Dates of the celebration assemblies will be shared in the newsletter sent out by our office manager. During these assemblies each teacher chooses a child/ren from their who will be awarded a 'Star of the Week' certificate for something they have done well that week. Parents are invited to attend celebration assemblies and if your child is chosen to receive a certificate the office will contact you in advance as parents often like to attend on these occasions.

Reminders...

Each day your child will need to bring a named water bottle, waterproof coat and bookbag. Healthy snacks are provided for the children to enjoy during breaktime until the end of KS1, however we understand that some parents may wish to send something in. It must be a healthy snack and please note that nuts are not allowed at our school.

We kindly ask that all items of clothing, bottles and lunch boxes are named.

P.E. will be on a Wednesday and a Friday, and on these days children will need to come to school in their kit to maximise learning during these lessons. Forest School takes places every other Friday afternoon. We ask that all Forest School kit is brought in at the start of term and then it remains here. Please send a named carrier bag containing wellies, a waterproof jacket and a pair of waterproof trousers. Please ensure that all items of clothing and wellies are also named. Children will need to come in dressed in their P.E. kit on these days from the week commencing 14th September.

If someone different is collecting your child from school please ensure that you inform the office. We keep a collection list in class so if this is a regular arrangement, e.g. a grandparent collects every Monday, we can make a note of this.

Also, take a look at our class page on the school website where we upload photos of some of the fun learning we have done each half term. This often helps engage children at home about what they have been doing at school.

Finally, this is both an exciting but daunting time for both parents and children. If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Mrs Cotton.

Kind Regards

Mrs C. Cotton and the Class 1 team