

Attendance and Punctuality

At Yeading, we believe that **every day counts**. Good attendance and punctuality are essential for children's academic progress, social development, wellbeing, and sense of belonging. Children who attend school regularly achieve better outcomes, build stronger friendships, and develop positive habits that support future success. The Department for Education (DfE) continues to make attendance a national priority and expects all schools to work closely with families to ensure children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Since August 2024, new statutory attendance guidance has strengthened schools' responsibilities and powers to improve attendance. Schools and local authorities are required to take a more proactive approach to identifying and addressing absence, including the use of legal interventions where necessary. The guidance also introduced a national framework for attendance penalty notices to ensure greater consistency across the country.

Parents should be aware that **low attendance is now recognised as a safeguarding concern**. Regular absence can be an indicator that a child may be vulnerable, and schools have a duty to investigate unexplained or persistent absence to ensure that every child is safe and receiving their entitlement to education. Attendance is therefore not simply an administrative matter but an important part of our safeguarding responsibilities.

We have recently returned from the six-week summer holiday, and it is vital that all children are in school from the start of term. Missing school means missing valuable learning opportunities, important routines, and time with teachers and friends. We ask all families to support us by ensuring that children attend school every day unless they are genuinely unwell and arrive punctually so that learning can begin promptly.



Infant & Nursery School

Year 1 Weekly Newsletter 11th September 2026

Please visit us on our website:

www.yeadinginf.co.uk

and Instagram account

https://instagram.com/yeading_infants

You will find all school information,
updates, term dates and up & coming events

Welcome back! ☺

Literacy

This week we have been writing about our holidays and their first day in Year 1.

Next week we will be looking at predictions and recall.

Keywords: Adventure , trip , exciting, fruit, vegetables, healthy, exercise, rest, rules.

Phonics Screening Baseline

Please practise your child's knowledge of Phonics.

Children will be assessed on their 'Phonics' knowledge and blending skills over the next couple of weeks.

Maths

This week we have assessed children's knowledge of counting, greater, less than, numberlines, ability to name fundamental maths resources. We also practiced careful counting and writing the number in figures 1-20.

Next week we will be continuing with counting, representing numbers within ten and composition of numbers.

Science:

Next week we will be creating self-portraits and labelling parts of the face.

Foundation Subjects

History - My family - please send in a baby picture of your child by 9th September 2026.

R.E. - What makes me special?

Islam will be our first topic this term.

PSHE - Circle time and rules

Art/DT - following instructions to create a drawing.

Question of the week

What are you looking forward to in Year 1?

Word of the week

New

Write a sentence explaining the meaning of our word of the week.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Dates to remember:

Meet the Teacher - Thursday 10th September at 2:30pm.

The meeting will be held in your child's classroom

- **Phone-free zone** - Yeading Infant School is a phone-free zone. Please ensure phones are put away while collecting your child.
- **Park and stride** - Please park away from school near the church or park when dropping off your child and walk into school.
- **Nut allergies** - Just another reminder that we do not allow any nuts on school grounds including food that 'may contain nuts'
- **Reading** - Please read with your child daily, write a comment in the yellow home/school diary and ensure that his/her book bag is brought in daily. Books are changed every Monday and Thursday.
- **Homework** is given out on a Friday and give back to the teacher on the following Wednesday.
- **Cooking contributions** - please donate towards your child's cookery lessons.

A polite reminder

You must ensure you arrive to school by **8.45am**. Lateness has devastating effects on teaching and learning process in the school which has negative impacts on school standards, pupils' academic performance, absenteeism and distractions for other pupils.

- **Early morning soft starts** are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Parents will be allowed into the classroom to help their child learn with guidance from their class teacher at 8:45-9:00am
- **PE Sessions**
Topaz & Amber Wednesday/ Thursday
Ruby & Amethyst Wednesday/Thursday

Curriculum meeting

Our year one **curriculum meeting** is taking place on Wednesday 23rd September at 9.10am in the school hall.

USEFUL WEBSITES

- Phonics - <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/reading-schemes-oxford-levels/read-write-inc-phonics-guide/>
- Mr Thorne Does Phonics with Geraldine the Giraffe on YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D_qRRMUsGqyw
- Phonics play - www.phonicsplay.co.uk
- Top Marks - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

Have a good weekend!

Year 1 Team ☺