

William Murdoch Primary School

Year 1 Autumn Term Newsletter 2026

Year 1 Staff

Y1.1 - Mrs K Begum/Mrs J Khera
Y1.2 - Miss S Majid
Y1.3 - Miss P Miesi

Year 1 Support Staff

Mrs S Salmon-Foster
Miss M Abdi

Holidays

Half-Term

Thursday 22 October 2026

Return to School

Monday 2 November 2026

End of Term

Friday 18 December 2026

Return to School

Tuesday 5 January 2027

Key Events

Staff Training Days

Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2
September 2026

Friday 23 October 2026

Monday 4 January 2027

School Photographs

Thursday 10 September 2026

Parents' Evening

Monday 5 October 2026

Festival Assemblies

Year 4 - Diwali

Friday 6 November 2027

Year 2 - Guru Nanak's Birthday

Friday 27 November 2026

Year 3 - Christmas

Friday 18 December 2026

Nursery - Nativity

Tuesday 8 December 2026

Nursery AM at 9.00am

Nursery PM at 2.15pm

Year 1 Good Work Assembly

Friday 9 October 2026 at 2.50pm

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Welcome

Welcome to the new academic year at William Murdoch Primary School. In order to strengthen the home/school partnership, this newsletter aims to inform you of the topics being covered by your child this term and of any special events taking place.

Maths

Counting & sorting objects
Counting forwards to & backwards from 10
One more/one less
Comparing numbers

English

Supertato	Zog
Superworm	Beegu
Cops & Robbers	Father Christmas

Science

Topic: The Human Body
Topic: Animals and their Needs

History

Topic: Discovering History
Family trees
Sources
Archaeologists and artefacts
Local history

Geography

Topic: Spatial Sense
Aerial views
Maps
Location
Compass points
Understand aerial views / drawings
Interpret & draw maps
Explore direction through compasses

Art

Topic: Colour
Primary & secondary colours
Cool & warm colours
Tints & shades

Topic: Lines
Different lines
Shapes created using lines

Trips

Think Tank
Tuesday 24 November 2026

Computing

Digital Writing
Programming Animations

RE

Topic: Christianity
Key Question: Does God want
Christians to look after the world?
Study a range of Bible stories

PHSE

Belonging
Celebrating Differences

PE

Topic: attack, defend, shoot
throwing techniques, catching,
striking, defensive positioning,
cooperative play, communication

Y1.1 - Tuesdays & Fridays
Y1.2 - Mondays & Wednesdays
Y1.3 - Wednesdays & Fridays

Project Topic for this Term

People That Help Us

Homework

English, Maths and Spelling Home-work will continue to be given on Fridays and is to be returned to school by Wednesday.

Homework related to Knowledge Organisers will be posted on Class Dojo on Fridays.

Children should be reading 20 minutes daily to an adult. Comments should then be left in their reading journals.



KNOWLEDGE LIGHTS UP THE MIND