

MEET THE TEACHER

A warm welcome to the year ahead

Year 1 and 2 Beech Class

Mrs Jennings 23rd September 2026



The KS1 Team



Teachers

Ash: Mrs Marenghi/Miss Richardson

Beech: Mrs Jennings

Chestnut: Mrs Mitchell/
Mrs Oldfield

Support staff

Miss Pickering

Miss Ford

Mrs Taylor

Welcome to Chestnut Class!

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Our class this year



What matters to us

- A happy, safe classroom
- Kindness, respect and teamwork
- High expectations for everyone
- Independence and resilience
- Sharing
- Trying new things
- Good manners

What children can expect

- To feel safe and happy
- To feel valued by all
- Engaging lessons
- Plenty of challenge and support
- To know where everything is in the classroom
- Opportunities to read, talk and create
- Celebration of effort and progress

Learning this year



1

Reading

Bug Club Readers are changed on **Mondays**
Year 2 Home Readers and Year 1 Library books are changed on **Wednesdays**
Online Bug Club Books allocated as needed
Please read at least 4 times a week. Little and often is key! Sign reading log once so book can be changed and keep plastic wallets with reading book and logs in book bags.

2

Writing

Daily phonics or spelling lessons to build knowledge of sounds, segmenting and blending.
Handwriting letter families, practiced weekly.
Writing focus is based around a KS1 shared text each half term. This half term we are focusing on Stanley's stick and talk for writing.

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Maths

Follow White Rose scheme.
Follow small steps that progress throughout the year. For every concept children should encounter; Manipulate-Talk-Draw-Write-Explain-Apply.
Practical and manipulative skills are essential!

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Wider curriculum

Taught in the afternoons. History/Geography and DT/Art are alternated each half term. Science, RE, PHSE, Music, PE, Computing follow schemes on a 2 year cycle so that all year 1 and 2 learn the same units of work. We have special days that focus on our learning, including school trips, Sale Waterside and lots of outdoor learning!

Routines & expectations



Morning

8.35-8.50 Arrival
9-9.30 Assembly/handwriting/spelling
9.30-10.15 Maths
10.15-10.35 Break
10.35-11am Phonics
11-12 English-Writing and guided reading

PE

Tuesday is our hall slot inside
Thursday is our outside MUGA session
Please come to school in full PE kit that is weather appropriate

Homework

Every Friday we will post a newsletter on Seesaw. This will give you an update of our learning for the week and will set you a homework task. We also expect you to log into your Bug Club account and complete the weekly book and fun games.

Reading

4 x a week at home.
Little and often is key!
Ask lots of questions for comprehension.
We need you to sign the reading log please!

Attendance

Please email or phone the office if your child is absent from school/has an appointment, or will be picked up by a different adult.
We would like to request passwords.

Behaviour

We follow our school values which are Care, challenge, self belief and responsibility
We have kind hands, feet and words.
We follow the zones of regulation
We collect house points, pompoms, star of the day and WOW awards in assembly.

How you can help at home



- ✓ Read regularly and talk about books
- ✓ Practise key number facts little and often
- ✓ Encourage independence with bags and equipment
- ✓ Ask your child about what they learned — not just what they did

OUR VALUES

SELF-BELIEF

CHALLENGE

CARE

RESPONSIBILITY

Keeping in touch



Speak to us

Email the office
Pass on a quick message on the door in the morning
Celebrate achievements on Seesaw.

Email / app

office@willowstimperley.co.uk

Appointments

Email the office and they will pass information to us so we can contact you.

Any questions?

Thank you for coming.
We're looking forward to a
brilliant year together!

