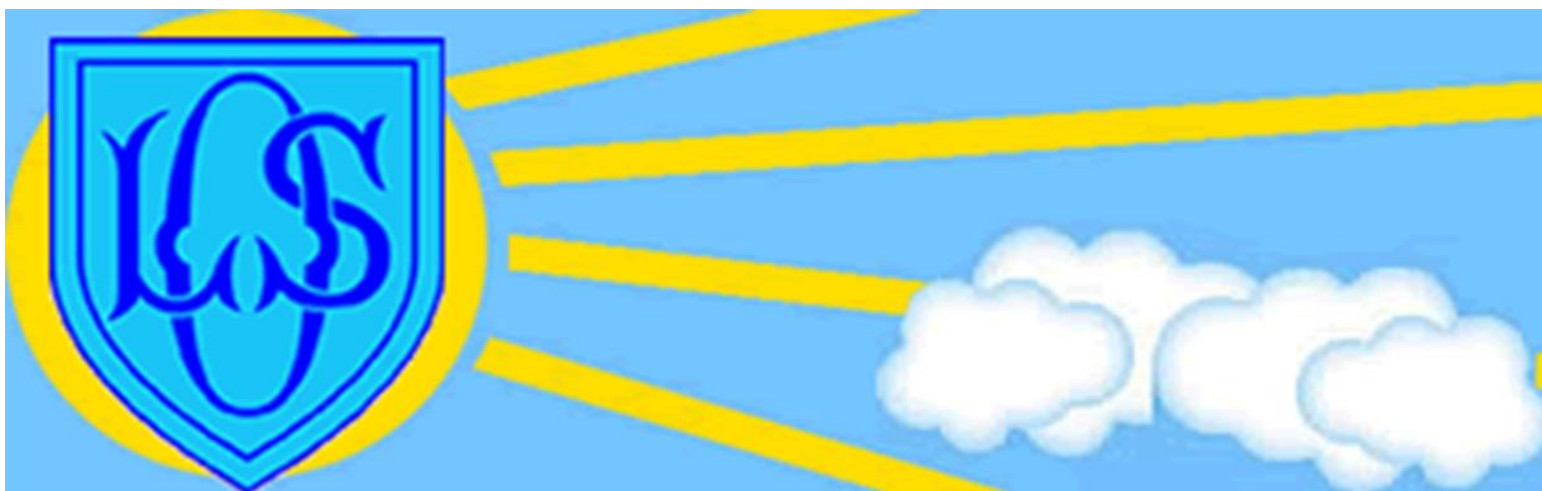


**WELCOME TO**  
**RECEPTION AND**  
**YEAR 1**

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Mrs Johal & Mrs Elliott  
Mrs Picone & Mrs Ivory Webb



“Together at Our Lady School we are living, learning and growing through Jesus Christ and his Church.”

# Our Approach

High expectations

Promote responsibility

Promote independence

Learn through play

Please talk to us regarding any concerns - Please email to arrange a mutually convenient time

[receptionyear1@ourladysherts.sch.uk](mailto:receptionyear1@ourladysherts.sch.uk)



# Early Morning Routine

Children to enter the classroom, independently.

Doors will be open at 8:45am. If you arrive after 9.00am please enter via the main office.

Please email or inform the team if any alternative arrangements are being made for pick up if not on the collection form.

The children will wash their hands before starting busy fingers



# Daily Routine

- From day to day, there will be slight variations. The general day is as follows:
- Morning activity
- Registration
- Phonics
- English Input CIL activities
- Snack and break
- Maths Input CIL activities
- Lunch
- Registration
- Topic/Computing/RE
- Reflection/story
- Home time



# What's different?

Child Initiated Learning (Reception have 2 hours of independent playing and exploring) (Year 1 CIL is ongoing, but for a shorter length of time)

RE – Two hours of teaching and learning for Year 1

One hour for Reception

PE – On Mondays both Year groups will be together, developing the fundamentals. Year 1 will also have a session on Friday, building upon the fundamentals. Please can you encourage children to change themselves at home. We will support them with buttons and small jumpers.

Computing – Year 1 will be developing their computing skills, they will be learning the difference between upper and lowercase, before logging on and off .

# Computing and e-safety

School is 100% committed to ICT and internet safety.

We talk to the children about e-safety on a regular basis.

Your support is valued.



# P.E Kits



T-shirt, shorts, tracksuit, socks and trainers.

**NO SHOELACES** unless your child is able to tie them independently.

Unable to borrow trainers and PE kit due to hygiene reasons.

Please ensure your child's kit is named.

Earrings should not be worn, if so, they should be studs and will be taped up. We are unable to remove earrings ourselves.

PE days are Monday and Friday. We will send home the kits every half term to be washed.



# Phonics

- We follow letters and sounds to help children learn their sounds. We also use 'Monster phonics' to encourage children to group sounds
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCI2mu7URBc>

- Children should be encouraged to look for patterns in words to help with their spelling and reading.
- Dots and dashes are encouraged to help sound out when reading and spelling.
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EBrntbYguKM>



# Reading

Encourage reading daily.

Please record if the child has read their books by stating it clearly in their reading records.

Discuss the book to check understanding (who/what/where/how/why/ questions).

Encouraged to change own books as the year progresses

CHILDREN ARE  
MADE READERS  
ON THE LAPS  
OF THEIR PARENTS.

- EMILIE BUCHWALD

# Handwriting

- Busy fingers/mark making
- Differences between drawings, letters and numbers
- Following the pen pals scheme
- Handwriting practice sheets will be sent home (this is not a homework but will allow your child to develop their letter formation).
- This will enable Year 1 to join up letters next year.
- Please encourage your child to write on the lines. Starting and ending the letter in the correct places
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cRrYgWH8ffw>

# Home learning

Daily reading. Please write in reading records when children have read.

Home learning will be given out on Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Please upload to seesaw, any learning that has been sent in after Wednesday will not be marked.



# House keeping

Label everything please (even shoes)!!

Water bottles - will be kept in school, washed and refilled daily. They will be sent home on a Friday, please ensure they are bought back into school on Monday morning

Hair tied up.

Book bags to be brought in every day.

Books will be changed twice times a week. Tuesdays and Fridays.

Please do not send in any items from home, eg toys, sweets

Home learning will be set on Fridays and due in the following Wednesday. Please upload to seesaw, any learning that has been sent in after Wednesday will not be marked.

THANK YOU FOR READING  
THIS POWER POINT

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Please don't hesitate to contact us with  
any questions or concerns

