Useful Websites/ Apps

Numbots (maths)

Phonics App

https://sounds-write.co.uk/ipad-app/

1 Minute Maths (Maths)

Contact with Staff

We have a tiered approach to contacting staff regarding any queries or concerns you may have. In the first instance, you should contact your child's class teacher (after 3.30pm). If your child's class teacher is unavailable, you have the option of speaking to an Assistant Head Teacher (by making contact through Main Reception):

Your child's allocated Assistant Head is:-
Lower School – Mrs Callan

Please note Assistant Heads are classroom-based on a full-time basis

If the concern requires immediate attention, then please contact main reception who will arrange an appointment with either **Mr Houghton (Deputy Head Teacher)** or **Mrs Sheridan (Head Teacher)**

Contact Information

Head Teacher/ Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs A Sheridan
Deputy Head Teacher: Mr S Houghton
Assistant Headteacher for SEND/ Inclusion: Mrs K Flower

Email: admin@ribbonacademy.co.uk
Telephone: 0191 517 5900
Or message us via Class Dojo

Ribbon Academy

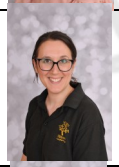
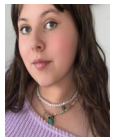
Welcome to Year 1

2026—27

Introduction to Year 1

Hello everyone and welcome to Year 1!

Please meet below the adults that make up our Year 1 team. We have:

Team Member	Role
	Miss R Gallagher is the lead teacher for Team 4
	Mrs A Johnson is the lead teacher for Team 5
	**Mrs L Tweedie** is the lead teacher for Team 6
	Mrs A Briggs is the supporting Teaching & Learning Partner across the year group
Mrs K Hennessey, **Miss S Kendall** and **Miss E Taylor** are supporting Classroom Assistants in Year 1 	

For specific daily updates, please keep up-to-date with our Class Dojo 'Class Stories'

Should you need any further information regarding provision in Year 1, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the team through Class Dojo.

Best Wishes,
The Year 1 Team

What Parents Need to Know

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

In June 2027, all children in Y1 will complete their Statutory Phonics Screening Check. This is where each child must read 40 words including a range of sounds and spellings, where some words are real and some words are not.

More information will be shared with parents/carers later in the academic year. The dates are included below. Children **must** be in school during the Phonics Screening Week **(Monday 14th June to Friday 18th June).**

Home Reader

Children will receive a reading book from our school Reading Zone, alongside a yellow reading journal. These books must come to school each day for Book Club.

We would like to encourage each child to read at home for 10 minutes at least 3 times per week. Please sign the child's reading record to make a note of their reading.

Homework

In Y1, children receive homework every Monday. This must be completed and returned by the Friday. A copy will be uploaded to Class Dojo.

Labelling Uniform

Please ensure all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will support us to return any lost items. The lost property is located at Main Reception, in between the automatic doors, to the left.

PE Kits

PE lessons in Y1 are scheduled for every **Monday and Tuesday**. However, timetables may change so any changes will be communicated via Class Dojo, as soon as possible.

PE kit in Year 1 includes the following items:

- Green Ribbon T-Shirt
- Black shorts/joggers/leggings
- Black hoodie/Ribbon 1/4 zip jumper
- Long hair to be tied back
- Trainers
- No earrings—spacers are fine

Year 1 children can come into school wearing their Ribbon PE kit on PE days.

Water Bottles

We ask each child to come to school with a water bottle to ensure they are fully hydrated throughout the school day. We advise only water or juice. Water bottles can be refilled at any point throughout the school day.