



Welcome
information
meeting
Year 1

Who's Who in Year 1

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Miss Kent



Mrs Neale



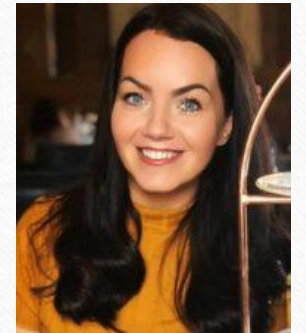
Mrs
Jennings



Mrs Jones



Mrs McGinn



Miss Brown

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Our Busy Year One Day

8:45 - Meet and Greet

8:50 - Busy Brains (Phonics activities and guided reading)

9:40 - Phonics

10:00 - Maths/ Literacy

10:45 - Morning Playtime

11:00 - Maths/Literacy

11:55 - Lunchtime

12:45 - Maths Dictionary / Handwriting / Phonics

1:15 - Foundation subjects (Topic, Science, PE, RE, Music, PSHE, ICT)

2:00 - Afternoon Playtime

2:15 - Foundation subjects (Topic, Science, PE, RE, Music, PSHE, ICT)

2:45 - Story time

3:15 - Home time

School days
in a year

190

Attendance

Every Child in Every Day

Non-School
days in a year

175

(Please take holidays or make
appointments during this time)

We expect every child to attend **every day**, arriving at school **on time** and **remaining in school for the full school day**.

This gives your child the best opportunity to make **progress** in their learning and in their social skills.

Our aim is for every child to have at least **97%** attendance. More than 6 days absence in a school year will drop their attendance below this target.

If you are struggling to get your child into school every day on time, please ask us for help.

Please check the **Attendance and Punctuality** leaflet and the **'Is my child too ill for school?'** leaflet for more information and advice.

PE

- Children will need a named pair of pumps for outside PE, all other kit is provided (and washed regularly!)

Lunch and snacks

- School lunch is mandatory for Year 1.

They have the choice of a hot dinner (e.g. chicken curry, roast dinner, fish and chips), jacket potato, wrap or sandwich.

- If you would like your child to have milk in the morning, please pay on the parent app or speak to the office.

Allergy Awareness & Benedict's Law: Information for Parents



Allergy Awareness

- Ensure school records are up to date for your children
- Provide in-date medication if needed, with consent forms completed at the office
- Teach children not to share food or drinks
- Encourage children to speak up if they feel unwell



Benedict's Law

From September 2026, schools in England must legally:

- Have a school allergy policy
- Complete staff training annually
- Hold spare adrenaline auto-injectors on site
- Ensure there is an Individual Healthcare Plan for every child with an allergy



How Parents Can Help

- Report changes to medical needs or conditions quickly to school
- Check medication expiry dates
- Attend review meetings
- Work closely with school
- Reinforce allergy safety and awareness at home and on trips

♥ Together we can create a safe, inclusive environment for every child.

Growth Mindset

In Year 1 we very much encourage the children to have a **Mersey Park Mindset**. This means we show the children what it means to 'Never Give Up'.

We embrace challenges and teach the children that it is definitely ok to make mistakes because this means we're trying something new and we're learning.

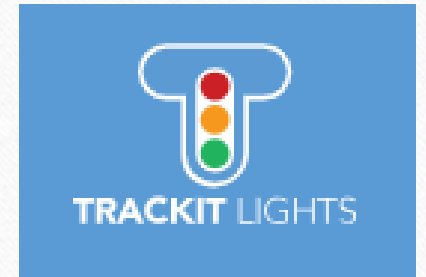


Behaviour

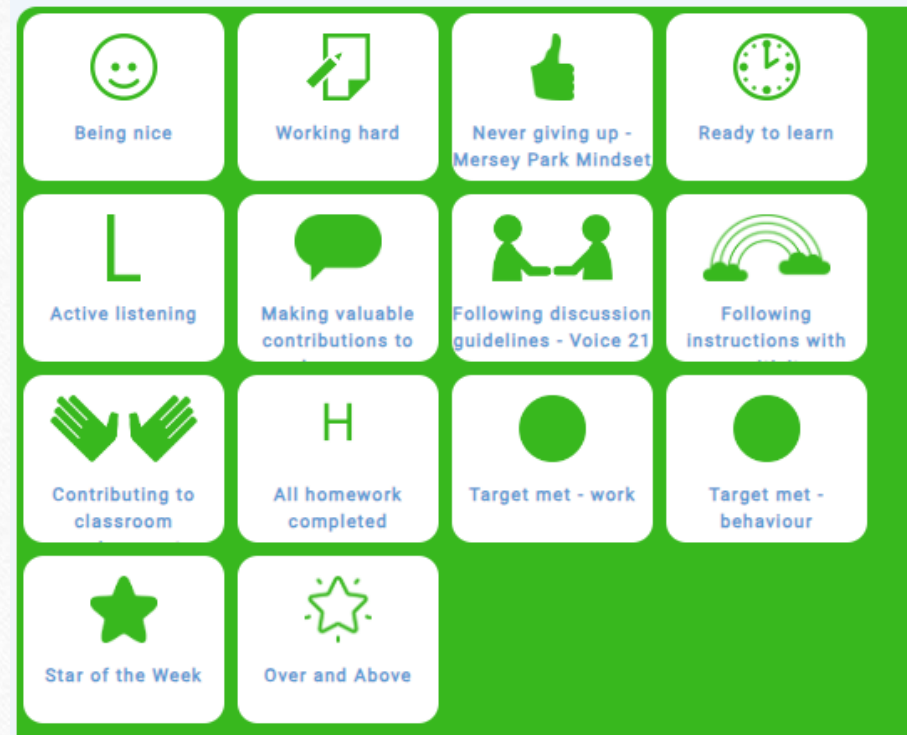
- Our behaviour system is based strongly on positive behaviour
- Over and Above tickets
- Choosing Time
- Star of the Week
- TrackIt Light points and certificates
- Private chat if behaviour reminder needed

TrackIt Lights

Online behaviour recording system.



- Staff are able to immediately acknowledge positive behaviours.
- Every positive behaviour has a value.
- The points are totalled and certificates are earned.
- Parents will receive notification via the app that a certificate has been earned.
- Negative behaviours are also recorded discretely.
- Incidents of unacceptable behaviour that result in a pupil losing some of their lunchtime will be recorded and parents will receive an instant notification.





My Happy Mind

This is a very successful scheme for children's mental health which is funded by the NHS.

It is split into 5 areas:

- Meet your brain
- Celebrate
- Appreciate
- Relate
- Engage

It helps children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

You will also receive a log in for the parent app to promote this at home as well as in school.

Homework

- Maths and Phonics will be sent home on a Friday and are expected to be returned on the Wednesday.
- Your child's reading book which they have read in school that week will also be sent home, alongside a library book (this is to be read to the child for pleasure).
- Science and 'Talking Homework' may also be sent home.
- Homework is to be completed to a high standard and should be done in pencil.



Phonics

- Phonics is a very important part of Year 1 and is vital in your child's learning of how to read and write.
- We will have a further workshop to explain phonics, the process and how to help your child, in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check in June. This will include practical fun phonics games for you to play with your child!



Trips



- In school we try to provide the children with as many exciting and enriching opportunities as possible.
- Throughout the year we hope to be able to plan in a couple of school trips to enhance the children's learning experiences.
- These are heavily subsidised by the school but we do require parental contributions.
- These may include;

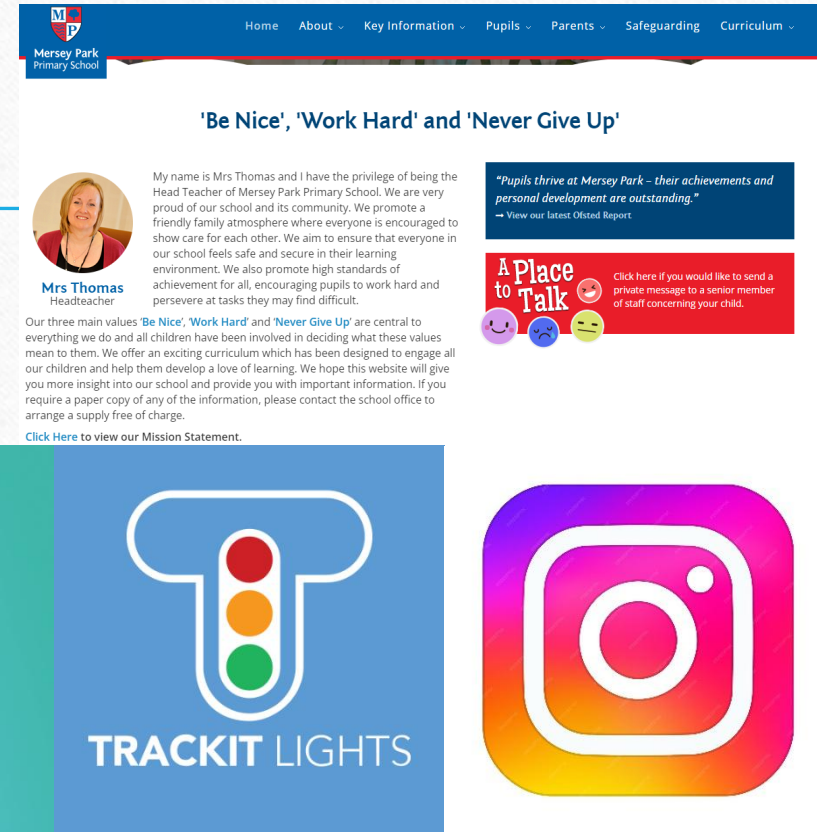
Seaside trip - approximate cost £4.50

Forest visit - approximate cost £4.50

Communication

How do I find out about what is happening in school?

- Our School Website
- Parent App
- Trackit Lights
- Medical Tracker
- Instagram page



The screenshot shows the Mersey Park Primary School website. At the top is a blue navigation bar with the school logo and links for Home, About, Key Information, Pupils, Parents, Safeguarding, and Curriculum. The main content area features a section titled "'Be Nice', 'Work Hard' and 'Never Give Up'" with a profile of Mrs Thomas, the Headteacher, and a quote from a parent. Below this is a red box for "A Place to Talk" and a link to the Mission Statement. At the bottom are three large icons: a speech bubble with people, the Trackit Lights logo, and the Instagram logo.

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'Be Nice', 'Work Hard' and 'Never Give Up'

Mrs Thomas
Headteacher

My name is Mrs Thomas and I have the privilege of being the Head Teacher of Mersey Park Primary School. We are very proud of our school and its community. We promote a friendly family atmosphere where everyone is encouraged to show care for each other. We aim to ensure that everyone in our school feels safe and secure in their learning environment. We also promote high standards of achievement for all, encouraging pupils to work hard and persevere at tasks they may find difficult.

Our three main values 'Be Nice', 'Work Hard' and 'Never Give Up' are central to everything we do and all children have been involved in deciding what these values mean to them. We offer an exciting curriculum which has been designed to engage all our children and help them develop a love of learning. We hope this website will give you more insight into our school and provide you with important information. If you require a paper copy of any of the information, please contact the school office to arrange a supply free of charge.

[Click Here to view our Mission Statement.](#)

"Pupils thrive at Mersey Park - their achievements and personal development are outstanding."
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A Place to Talk
Click here if you would like to send a private message to a senior member of staff concerning your child.

TRACKIT LIGHTS

Instagram

Our School Website

How do I find out about what my child is learning?

- Pupil pages provide information about they will be learning
- Parent - What is my child learning? Contains long term and half term overviews
- Curriculum pages have a wealth of information and pictures about what your child will be learning in each of the subject areas

The screenshot displays three overlapping views of the Mersey Park Primary School website. The top view shows the 'Be Nice', 'Work Hard' and 'Never Give Up' page, featuring a photo of Mrs Thomas, Headteacher, and a quote: "Pupils thrive at Mersey Park - their achievements and personal development are outstanding." The middle view shows the 'What is my child learning?' page, which includes a 'Curriculum Overview' section. The bottom view shows the 'Curriculum' page, which lists various subject areas under 'Curriculum Introduction' and 'Curriculum Intent Statement'.

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What is my child learning?

Curriculum Overview

Please follow the links for information about what your child will be learning in school during each term.

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Curriculum

Mersey Park Primary School
Curriculum Intent Statement
Intent

The aim of Mersey Park Primary School is to provide opportunities for children to develop independent, confident, successful learners with high aspirations who know how to contribute to their community and the wider society. We use the Early Learning Goals and the National Curriculum as milestones throughout school. There is a high focus on developing knowledge in all subjects in progressive steps. Alongside this, there is a focus on moral, social and cultural understanding.

We aim for all learners to enjoy their education and to make very good progress in their learning. We will help all children retain new knowledge and make links in their learning. Those who are most able are challenged and supported through appropriate extension activities.

Curriculum Introduction

- Art and Design
- Computing & e-Safety
- Design and Technology
- English
- Phonics
- Poetry
- Reading
- Writing
- Speaking and Listening
- SMSC
- Mathematics
- Music
- Physical Education
- Religious Education
- Science
- PSHE
- History
- Geography
- Spanish

e-Safety

Apps & Platforms

- Most social media platforms including TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and X have minimum age requirements of 13+, making them unsuitable for primary-aged pupils.
- Check age ratings for gaming chat, livestreaming and messaging features
- Use parental controls and private accounts

Social Media Ban

- UK Government has announced plans to ban social media platforms for under-16s from Spring 2027
- Aim: reduce exposure to online harms and addictive features
- Families should build healthy digital habits now

AI Safety

- Talk to your children about AI-generated content and misinformation
- Never share personal information, photos, school details or passwords with AI tools
- Encourage children to check facts with a trusted adult
- Use age-appropriate, supervised AI services only

Top Tips for Parents

- Keep devices in shared family spaces
- Use parental controls
- Set clear screen time limits
- Agree family rules together.
- Use the age ratings for apps, games and social media as a guide for readiness.
- Teach children never to share personal information, passwords, school details or location.
- Encourage children to tell a trusted adult if something online makes them feel worried, upset or uncomfortable.
- Discuss misinformation, AI-generated images and deepfakes so children learn to question what they see online.
- Remind children that not everyone online is who they claim to be.

Delay social media and focus on age-appropriate communication and entertainment platforms., **stay involved, and keep online conversations open.** Be curious, stay involved, and encourage your child to talk openly about their digital life.



Support for Parents/Carers



If you feel you need support for you or your family:

- Speak to our Home/School Liaison Officer - Mrs Hardy - or any member of staff
- Visit our Social Supermarket - open 2.30pm - 3.30pm Monday and Wednesday
- Take a look at the Family Toolbox which gives a wide range of tips and tools for family life - familytoolbox.co.uk
- My Family Coach also provides expert support for every parenting challenge - myfamilycoach.com

Parent Partnership Group

- Each year group has a number of parents who are members of the Mersey Park Parent Partnership Group. If you have any concerns or enquiries these parents are there to support links between parents and the school so please feel free to approach them and discuss any school related matters.

If you are interested in finding out more about our Parent Partnership Group please speak to Mrs Eccles or Mrs Hardy.