



Nansloe Academy & Nursery

Head of School: Mrs L Swiggs

7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and are excited for the year ahead. The children have had an incredible first day and are taking all the changes in their stride. They are settling back into school life wonderfully and are already becoming familiar with the routines and structure of Year 1.

Year 1 can feel like a big step from Reception as we begin to move towards a more formal curriculum; however, we will be supporting the children every step of the way and easing them into these changes gradually. We continue many of the routines that children are already familiar with. 'Busy Learning' takes place throughout the day, giving children opportunities to learn through play, which remains an important part of learning and development in Year 1. We are also incredibly lucky to have Mrs Hill working with us every day as our Teaching Assistant. With many years of experience, she will be a fantastic support for the children throughout the year.

To learn more about what your child's year will look like, please come to our '**Meet the Teacher**' meeting on **Monday 14th September at 3.30 pm**. It's a great opportunity to see how and where our learning happens in Year 1 and discuss any queries you may have.

Topic

Our topic for the first half term is '*All About Me.*' Throughout the term, children will be learning more about themselves and the world around them. In Science, we will explore our five senses and how they help us to experience the world. In Geography, we will learn about the four countries of the United Kingdom and where we live within it. We are looking forward to lots of exciting, hands-on learning opportunities as the children settle into Year 1. You can find further information about what your child will be learning for the rest of the year on our class page of the website. [Nansloe Academy - Welcome to Year 1 - Porthleven](#)

Reading

At Nansloe, we aim to foster a love of reading and share stories and poems as a whole class every day. We also enjoy regular visits to the Library and Story Garden throughout the week. We had a lovely trip to the library today, where each child chose a new library book to bring home and share with you.

This year, we will continue to use the Read Write Inc. programme to teach phonics and reading skills. At this early stage, regular reading practice makes a huge difference, so we encourage children to read as often as possible both at home and at school. Tomorrow, the children will begin in their new Read Write Inc. groups and will bring home a familiar book to help consolidate their previous learning. Please sign your child's reading record each time they read at home, as this helps us to monitor their progress and ensure they continue moving through the reading bands. Children will receive books from their new group on

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Friday, and we will then return to our usual three-day rolling programme. We always make time for reading in school, so please ensure that your child brings their book bag and library book to school every day.

Literacy

In Literacy this term, we will be focusing on developing key foundational skills. Children will work on improving their handwriting, learning to form lowercase and uppercase letters correctly and writing with increasing fluency. They will also practise using their familiar sounds to write captions and lists to accompany pictures, encouraging them to link words to visual prompts and express their ideas clearly and creatively.

Maths

This term in Maths, our focus will be on number and place value within 10 before moving on to simple addition and subtraction within 10 later in the term. Children will be practising counting forwards and backwards, sorting and representing objects, and comparing numbers. We will also be introducing part-whole models to help them understand how numbers can be broken down and combined. Our maths lessons will include a mix of practical activities and opportunities for children to formally record their findings, helping to build both understanding and confidence.

We follow the White Rose Maths scheme of learning, which you can explore at whiterosemaths.com/homelearning. This is a fantastic resource that offers insight into how we teach maths at Nansloe and provides helpful support for learning at home.

P.E

P.E lessons will take place on a Tuesday. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their P.E. kit on this day. This should include black shorts or joggers, a white top, trainers and a school jumper/cardigan. As the weather can be unpredictable, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately on the day.

Please ensure your child arrives at school each morning with:

- book bag
- a named coat
- a named water bottle.
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Please also make sure all uniform is labelled, especially jumpers and cardigans as we know they like to go walkabout!

I am really looking forward to an exciting Autumn term full of new learning and experiences for the children. To get off to a flying start, we are celebrating good behaviour and rewarding children with positive praise using our 'Rocket Reward' chart so please encourage your children to tell you about their successes.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see me after school or send an email to hello@nansloe.org.uk, which will be forwarded on to me. As always, thank

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you for your continued support with your child's learning and I am looking forward to working with you all this year.

Here's to a fantastic Autumn term in Year 1!

Best wishes,

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