

Lowry Class newsletter Autumn 2026



Welcome to Year 1 – Lowry Class! The first few days of Autumn term are filled with so many ‘firsts’: the first wearing of super shiny new school shoes, the first register using a new teacher’s name, the first whole school worship sitting in new places in the hall to reflect our new classes...and the first early alarm clock for us all! I have been lucky enough to spend some time getting to know your wonderful children during their last term in Cassatt, and their enthusiasm for learning, good listening skills and politeness have already impressed me. I am sure their positive attitude will continue throughout the school year, and I am definitely looking forward to seeing them develop and grow as they take their first steps in their Key Stage One journey. To provide the children with a smooth transition from Cassatt to Lowry class, we will begin the year giving the children lots of opportunities for learning through continuous provision.

The Team

I am **Miss Church**, Lowry class teacher. Our fantastic LSA is **Mr Turner**. We are also joined by **Ms Neilsen**. **Mrs Sibley** will be teaching Lowry Class every Monday afternoon for Miss Church’s PPA time (planning, preparation and assessment).

Concept Led Learning

Our key concept this half term is **determination** which has a strong link to our history topic about Samuel Cody and how he was determined to develop flight. Our second half of term will focus on **exploration**. This reinforces our Samuel Cody learning and links to our Geography focus on continents and oceans.

Home Learning

Reading

Please hear your child read **regularly** at home, then please record this in their reading records. It is so, so important in improving the children’s confidence, prosody and comprehension. Establishing these reading skills early on in their learning lives has noticeable benefits throughout their educational experience. One reading book will be sent home each week for your child and it will be changed on a weekly basis in school. This continues the system in Cassatt Class. The first reading book will be sent home on Friday 11th September.

Phonics

Every Friday, your child will bring home a Little Wandle phonics sheet in a home phonics file. This sheet will contain words that are connected to our current phonics learning in class. Please practise reading and spelling these words with your child. The children will be informally quizzed on these spellings the following Friday. The home phonics file and first phonics sheet will be sent home on Friday 11th September.

Curriculum

Our learning this term is specified in the curriculum overview that is sent out alongside this newsletter.

PE days

Our PE lessons will be on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Your child will need their PE kits in school all of the time in case these days need to change during the week. Please make sure that you label **all** of your children’s uniform and PE kits.



Key dates

Please continue to check the weekly school newsletters for additional dates

Tuesday 13th October AM – class trip to FAST museum. More details will be sent soon.

Thursday 22nd October – Festival Day **Friday 23rd October** – INSET day

Tuesday 24th November - parents’ evening. **Thursday 26th November** – parents’ evening.