



Godmanchester
Community Academy

Welcome to Year 3



Meet the team



Sycamore Class

Mrs Vajzovic and
Mrs Millard

TAs: Mrs Sotrines
Mrs Smith 1-1

Elm Class

Mrs Soulsby

TAs: Mr Johnston
Miss Jolly 1-1

PE/Games and Swimming



AUTUMN Term

- Swimming – Tuesday afternoons
- Games – Friday afternoons

Home Learning



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<https://ukhosted1.renlearn.co.uk/1894159/>

Spelling Shed

Mathletics

TT Rockstars

The passwords will all saved on your child's profile on Dojo by the end of this week.

Why Reading?



Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment everyday not only perform better in reading tests but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

We therefore expect children to not only read everyday at school but also at home. We understand this will look different for different children. For some it will require adult support but for others it will not. For some it will require reading full decodable books but for others it will not.

We urge you to promote daily reading with your child and to be a positive reading role model.



Class Dojo



- The easiest ways to communicate with the class teacher.
- We may choose to pick up messages during the evening and week-ends but messages may not be picked up until the next school day.
- As with e-mail correspondents, you will receive a reply to your message within 48 hours of the recipient receiving it (Monday-Friday only). We ask that messages to staff are polite and courteous.
- Messages sent in the afternoon, may not be seen until after the school day has ended as we are teaching.
- **Communications about absence must be made to the school office (01480 375115) and not via Class Dojo.**

Curriculum



English Fiction	James and the Giant Peach F: Description	Midnight For Charlie Bone F: Setting	Art	Local Landscapes: proportion	
English Non-Fiction	NP: Instructions	NP: Diary (recount)	DT		Textiles: Sewing - stitches NP: Instructions
English Poetry	Anthology A Kid in my Class Rachel Rooney	Poems (1) Reming	PSHE	Beginning and Belonging	My Emotions
Maths	Place value Addition and subtraction	Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division	RE	Christianity: bible NP: Recount - diary	
Science	Animals including humans	Forces and magnets	PE/Games	Ball Skills Swimming	Dance- The Solar system - games Swimming
History		Normans	Computing	Digital Literacy Desktop publishing (3.5) Adobe Spark	Programming Sequencing sounds (3.3) Scratch
Geography	Local: The UK: Counties and Cities (county study and comparison)		Education for a connected world (E-Safety)	Self-Image & Identity Health, Well-Being & Lifestyle	Online Relationships
			Music	Anthropology of Zoology - Mason Bates https://www.bbc.com/teach/1m-pieces/RS2-3/6bnf3k7	
			MFL	Introduction to France	

Uniform



- Children should wear: **navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan; grey or black skirt, trousers , knee-length shorts or pinafore; blue gingham summer dress; white or navy blue polo shirt; black, grey or white tights or socks; sensible plain black shoes/boots** (for the winter) – no trainers, high heels or open toe sandals.
- Please note that shoulder length hair (or longer) should come to school with their hair tied back with a **simple hairband**. **Children should not wear large or bright bows or accessories**. If children do wear large bows or accessories, they will be asked to remove these and the class teacher will keep them until the end of the school day when they will be returned to the child. If children with shoulder length hair (or longer) arrive at school without it being tied back, they will be given a new hairband to tie their hair back.
- **Any child who arrives at school without the appropriate uniform will be offered spare uniform on arrival at school and their parent/carer will be notified by Class Dojo.**

Uniform



- If you have problems providing your child with the appropriate uniform, please make contact with the school (office@godmanchestercommunity.co.uk) and a member of staff will make contact to understand how we can best help.
- School logoed uniform can be purchased but plain tops are also suitable in the correct colours.
- We would also like to remind parents/carers and pupils that **we do not allow jewellery other than simple stud earrings and a simple watch** for health and safety reasons. Earrings must be removed for PE and swimming lessons so please ensure your child is able to remove these independently. If they are unable to remove them, please ensure they do not come to school wearing earrings on days that they will be engaged in these activities. We are not advised to put tape over earrings anymore for PE.
- Additionally, **no makeup or nail varnish should be worn in school.**
- **Any child who arrives at school wearing jewellery (other than simple studs or a watch) or make up will be reminded of the school uniform expectations and their parent/carer will be notified by Class Dojo.**

School Values



Kindness and Hard Work



Lunches and Snacks



- **Packed lunches:** We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents of **the need to provide their child with a nutritious and balanced lunch.** We have seen an increase in the amount of high sugar and fat items being consumed from lunch boxes over the last year. Healthy packed lunches should be based on the eatwell plate food groups (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-eatwell-guide>) which promotes balance and variety in the diet.
- Additionally, please remember that **we are a nut free school.** It is vitally important that you ensure that items within your child's lunch box are nut free as we have a number of children and staff with nut allergies.
- **Snacks:** Following on from the above, please ensure that if you are sending your child into school with a snack, that it is either fruit or vegetables. Again, we have noticed an increase in children bringing in high sugar cereal bars or biscuits for a snack. Such items are not permitted as a snack within school. Children in Key Stage 1 receive a piece of fruit or vegetable as a snack as part of the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. Therefore, there is no need to provide your child with a snack if they are in Key Stage 1.

Reminders



- Tuesday – swimming kit, including a swimming hat, in a bag please.
- Friday – wear PE kits to school for outdoor games (more layers will be needed when the weather gets colder).
- Please remember to remove earrings on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- A water bottle and coat are needed everyday.