



Hannah Ball Academy

Welcome to Year 1
2026-2027

Teaching and Support Staff

Mrs Hambrook(Class Teacher)

Mrs Meeking (Class Teacher)

Mrs Pascal (Class LSA)





Daily Routines

- **Arrival time is between 8.45 and 8.50.**
- **Set morning activities on arrival in the classroom**
- **Break Time is 10:30-10:45**
- **Lunch Break is 12:00pm**
- **End of Day is 3:15pm**

It is also important to collect your child promptly at 3.15 pm to prevent them getting distressed.

Wednesday is enrichment morning

- ▶ The children are taught Music, P.E and Art by specialist teachers.



Odd absences add up and affect your child's progress at school

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent to number of days absence	Equivalent to rounded number of weeks absence	This number of lessons missed!
95%	9.5 days	2 weeks	57
90%	19 days	4 weeks	114
85%	28.5 days	6 weeks	171
80%	38 days	8 weeks	228
75%	47.5 days	9.5 weeks	285
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	342



Working together to improve school attendance

Statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities

July 2026

GOOD ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



**Every school
day counts**



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Year	Hannah Ball	National	National Distribution Banding
2025-2026	93.5%	94.7%	Below
2024-2025	92.9%	94.8%	Below
2023-2024	90.1%	94.5%	Below

Reception 2025 End of Year Attendance: 90%

How can I help my child enjoy school and attend regularly?

- **appropriate bedtime routine**
- **good routines for mornings so that your child can arrive punctually and are properly equipped;**
- **try to make doctors and dental appointments out of school hours**
- **encourage and show interest in school work, friendships etc.**
- **attend school open evenings and functions**
- **calm space for them to do homework,**
- **check they understand the homework and that it has been completed.**
- **share any education concerns your child or you may have with the school staff as soon as possible**
- **set boundaries**

What does the law say I must do as a parent/carer?

- Once your child is registered at a school, you are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly.
- This means your child should not have any unauthorised absence as this would constitute an offence in law.
- When attendance doesn't improve after support or, when a minimum of 5 days unauthorised holiday/leave is taken, legal action can be taken.
- Courts can fine parents/carers up to £1,000 per child and for repeat offences the court can fine parents/carers up to £2,500 per child or impose a prison sentence of up to 3 months.

Online Safety

Please ensure you are aware of your children's social media presence.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



Video Games

12

PEGI 12

Games with a PEGI 12 rating are suitable for ages 12 and above.

They may have:

violence of a slightly graphic nature involving fantasy characters

suggestive activities or language

gambling

mild bad language

For example:

Sims

Fortnite

Dragon Ball FighterZ

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate

16

PEGI 16

Games with a PEGI 16 rating are suitable for ages 16 and above.

They may have:

violence and adult content that looks like real life

bad language

scenes demonstrating the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal substances

For example:

Marvel's Avengers

Battlefield 2042

Halo Infinite

Marvel's Spider-Man

Behaviour Management



**The Park Federation Academy Trust
Hannah Ball Academy**

**Positive Behaviour Policy inc.
Anti-Bullying**

2026-2027



VERBAL OR PHYSICAL

ABUSE
towards our Staff
will not be
TOLERATED



Uniform



- **Mid-grey trousers/skirts**
- **Summer - boys can wear shorts, girls summer dresses.**
- **White polo shirt**
- **Red school jumper, round neck**
- **Grey socks or tights**
- **Plain black shoes with sensible fastenings that your child can manage independently**



(See the school website parents information)



PE

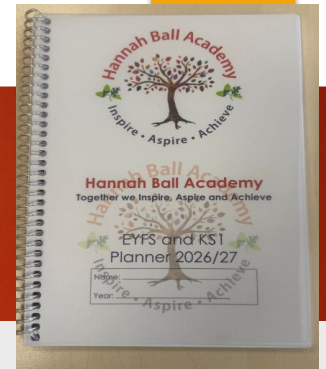
Monday and Wednesday

- ▶ **Plain black shorts or joggers**
- ▶ **White school logo t-shirt or plain white t-shirt.**
- ▶ **Plain black sweatshirt.**
- ▶ **Plain black plimsolls/ trainers.**

All items must be labelled.



Book Bag & Planners

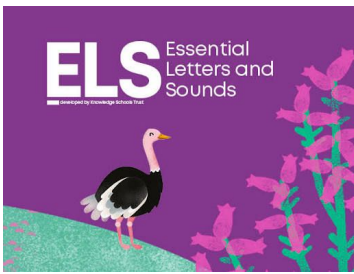


- Book bag with planner and reading book in school everyday
- Water bottles not to be placed inside the book bag
- Please make sure you record daily reading they have done at home in the planner.
- Lost planners will be replaced at a cost of £7

Food

- **Fruit is provided but you may provide a healthy snack from home.**
- **Water bottles with fresh water need to be brought in daily.**
- **School lunches are provided in Key Stage 1 free of charge.**
- **If you choose to send packed lunches, they have to be healthy lunches**





Phonics

- ▶ Children need to be able to decode words using the letter sounds.
- ▶ Practice these sounds and key words daily as part of your reading session.
- ▶ Sound mats will be sent home. Please practise these with your child in order for them to make progress.

Examples of the sounds the letters make singularly and when combined.

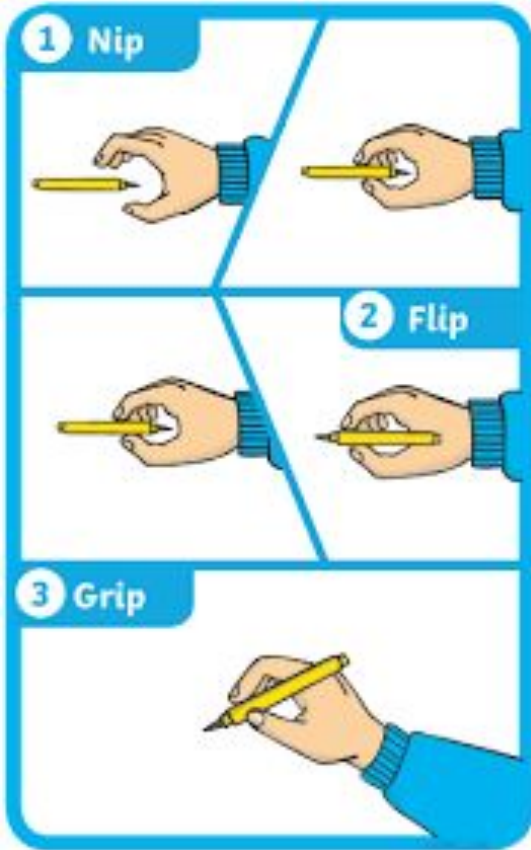
- ▶ Phase 2 <https://youtu.be/nBFnAcXHOUQ?si=Az10FiGBklYhJoOb>
- ▶ Phase 3 <https://youtu.be/gDlnVjBUGC0?si=pY91Vo7YYHz-Whf9>
- ▶ Phase 5 <https://youtu.be/8BwWD2ZlvBY?si=YHz3SLaLAltSiENC>



Reading

- ▶ Evidence suggests that there is a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and attainment.
- ▶ Daily reading is vital!
- ▶ Listen to your child read every day and sign their planner.
- ▶ Your child will have their book changed on a Tuesday and Friday when they have read it twice at home.
- ▶ Year 1 visit the school library on a Tuesday - enjoy sharing library books with your child

Writing



- Encourage your child to form letters and numbers correctly and hold their pen/pencil in a tripod grip.
- All children should now be able to write their names independently
- Children need to be able to say what they want to write before they can write it.
- A text will be sent home for your child to learn orally and will support them in their writing.

Maths



- ▶ Autumn term we will work with numbers to 20
- ▶ Spring to 50
- ▶ Summer to 100.
- ▶ At the end of Year 1 your child will need to count, recognise and write numerals to 100.
- ▶ Autumn they will add and subtract to 10
- ▶ Number bonds are important to learn. Your child needs to be able to add numbers mentally quickly.
- ▶ In Spring they will learn to add and subtract to 20.
- ▶ Do not rush these processes.
- ▶ Use maths practically at home; cooking uses measure, use watches for time, talking about shapes, handling money, recognising door / bus numbers.
- ▶ Magma Maths - Logins will be sent home later this week. Please look out for these in their planners.



Key dates



September

- Wednesday 9th September - Meet the Teachers
- Friday 25th September - School Nurses Flu Immunisation Visit

October

- Black History Month
- Friday 2nd October - Individual Class Photos
- W/C - Monday 19th October - Scholastic Book Fair
- Tuesday 20th October – Parents' Evening
- Thursday 22nd October – Parents' Evening
- Friday 23rd October - Last day of term

W/C Monday 26th October – HALF TERM

November

- Monday 2nd November - Autumn Term 2 begins
- Thursday 12th November - Great Fire of London Workshop
- Monday 16th November – Anti-bullying week

December

- Friday 18th December – Last day of Autumn term - Finish at 13:30
- W/C Monday 21st December – Christmas Holiday