

# Pathway 1 Newsletter



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## Welcome to Pathway 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome both our returning students and new Year 7s to Pathway 1 at Talbot. We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break.

As we begin this new academic year, we understand that for some students things may feel a little different; new classmates, staff members, and learning environments. Please be assured that we are here to support your child every step of the way as they settle into their new routines.

Our focus in Pathway 1 remains on providing a nurturing, engaging, and personalised learning experience. We are committed to working closely with families to ensure each child feels safe, happy, and ready to learn.

Your child's class teacher will be your main point of contact and will be in touch (if they haven't already) to check in and offer any support you may need. In addition, myself and Helen Stanley (Lead Teacher) will be overseeing Pathway 1 this year. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

We will be sending out newsletters each half term to keep you updated on what we've been doing in school. You can also check Evidence for Learning to see snapshots of your child's achievements and experiences.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning journey.

Warm regards,

**Jagoda Malendowicz** - Assistant Head

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**Pathway 1 Team**



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If you haven't already, please download the 'Evidence for Learning Family App' to see what your child is doing in school. Please use the following details.

**DOMAIN:** Talbot

**USERNAME:** email address

**Please note this is the email address registered on evidence for learning.**

### School contact details:

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## Autumn Term Topic: Light, Music, Action!

This term, our theme across Pathway 1 is "Light, Music, Action!", and we're excited to be exploring "The Wizard of Oz" through a range of sensory, creative, and interactive activities. Each class will engage with the story in their own unique way, bringing the characters and journey to life through music, movement, and drama.



We are also continuing to use the Positive Looking approach in our classrooms, which supports the development of visual skills through structured and motivating activities.



All students in Pathway 1 will continue to take part in weekly Rebound Therapy sessions alongside MATP (Motor Activity Training Programme). MATP is designed to support physical development and participation for students with complex needs.



As part of our Physical and Wellbeing curriculum, students usually take part in weekly hydrotherapy sessions. However, our swimming pool is currently out of use due to circumstances beyond the school's control. In the meantime, students will participate in alternative Physical Wellbeing activities during their scheduled swimming times. We will keep you updated and let you know as soon as the pool is available again.



### Reminders

- The school day starts at 9:00 am, and students begin getting on transport at 3:00 pm
- Please make sure all clothes and belongings are clearly labelled.
- Don't forget to send in the following items:
  - Comfortable clothes (ideally no skirts or dresses) for Rebound Therapy sessions.
  - Wellies and waterproof coat for outdoor break-times and outdoor learning.
  - A swimming costume/trunks and towel for hydrotherapy, once weekly swimming sessions resume.

### Key Dates:

#### October:

- October is Black History Month
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. - World Mental Health Day
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. - Diwali
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 3:30 - 6:30pm**
  - **Parents/Carer Progress Meeting**
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct. - Last day of half term
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct - School training day
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov - First day back

Don't forget to join our 'Families of Talbot' group on Facebook. This group is a nice space for parents/ carers to interact, share experiences and support each other.

