

Welcome

Welcome to Sycamore Class!

I am so excited to be back in the year 1 and 2 classroom. I am looking forward to having a wonderful year with both year 1 and 2. My main aim as a teacher is to provide every child with a positive learning experience and to leave the class at the end of the day with a thirst for learning and a smile on my face. I treat every single child as though they were my own and will always be their biggest supporter whilst they are in my care. I am always available via Email and have an open door policy regarding meetings. If you ever have any queries or questions please do reach out. I cannot wait to get this year started and to start making some memories together.

Contact Information

We ask that parents and carers contact class teachers as the first point of call for any questions, concerns, or updates relating to their child. This helps to ensure that any issues can be addressed promptly and consistently by the person who works most closely with your child between the hours of 8am and 5:30pm

You can contact me directly via email mgreatbanks@peoversuperior.cheshire.sch.uk or, if you would prefer to arrange a meeting, bookings can be made through Janet by emailing admin@peoversuperior.cheshire.sch.uk.

Meet the Teacher



Name/Class and Photo

Mr Greatbanks
Sycamore Class



Hobbies and Interests...

I am a huge fan of most sports, particularly football and rugby. For many years I played rugby for many local teams, whereas now I enjoy taking part in triathlons all over the country. My biggest achievement is completing the Lanzarote Ironman. I also coach my sons football team. Outside of sport, I love to read, especially crime novels and spend as much time with my family as I can, with my wife and wonderful little boy Ezra.

My Favourite children's book and why...

Where the poppies now grow by Hilary Robinson. I love this book as it shares the incredible journey and bond of two boys growing up around world war 1. I love how it introduces children to the different concepts of war through a careful, descriptive narrative.



Key Information

Behaviour



ClassDojo

As a school, we have high expectations for behaviour and expect all of our children to show kindness, respect, and responsibility in all they do. To support this, we will be introducing *Class Dojo* in September—a positive behaviour system that allows children to earn points for good choices and helps us celebrate their efforts. Class Dojo also provides a way for school and home to stay connected and share progress.

PE Days

PE days for our class will be on Wednesday and Friday. Children are required to come to school wearing their full Peover PE kit in school colours **only**—this means no branded sports logos or non-uniform items. Wearing the correct kit ensures children are safe, comfortable, and ready to take part in all PE activities while continuing to represent our school with pride.



At Peover Superior, we are committed to ensuring every child receives an excellent education, and consistent attendance is fundamental to achieving this. Regular attendance directly supports academic progress, fosters crucial social and emotional development, and cultivates positive learning habits. By working together - pupils, parents, and staff - to achieve our attendance target of 96%, we create a stable and supportive learning environment that promotes uninterrupted learning, strengthens relationships, and enhances each child's sense of belonging within our school community.

From September, our gates will open each morning at 8:45am and will close at 8:55am to ensure that ALL children are in their classrooms and at their desks to start learning at 9am - Every minute counts!

Homework

From September, homework will be sent out each week via email by the class teacher. It will follow a consistent layout across the school to help children and families know what to expect and to support a clear routine at home. This method will enable families to access homework easily, stay informed about weekly tasks, and support children's learning more effectively. Homework will reinforce key skills taught in class and provide opportunities for children practice and consolidate their learning.

Water bottles and Snacks

Healthy Habits at School

It's important that all children bring a *named water bottle* to school each day to help them stay hydrated and focused throughout their learning. Please also ensure that breaktime snacks and lunchboxes contain healthy options, such as fruit, vegetables, wholegrain items, and low-sugar choices. Supporting your child in making healthy food and drink choices helps them feel their best and do their best every day at school.

