

Sound and District Primary School

MEET THE TEACHER

OPAL class

2025-26

Opal Class Teachers



Miss Smith
CLASS TEACHER



MS MCADIE
TEACHING ASSISTANT

Timetable



Opal Class Timetable 2025-2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am – 9.00am	KS2 Assembly	Register	Register & Early work (Green Work, Handwriting, Times Tables/ Maths activity or Spellings)		
9.00am – 9.30am	SPAG Spellings	PE	SPAG Grammar	SPAG Punctuation	SPAG Spelling
9.30am – 10.30am	English		English	English	English
10.30am – 10.50am	Break				
10.50am – 11.45am	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
11.45am – 12.00pm	Class Book				
12.00pm – 1.00pm	Lunch				
1.00pm – 2.00pm	Independent Reading	Independent Reading	Independent Reading	Independent Reading	Independent Reading
	Computing	RE	Science	History/Geography	Art/DT
2.00pm – 3.00pm	PE	Music	PSHE		Celebration Assembly

History / Geography Topics

	Autumn One	Autumn Two	Spring One	Spring Two	Summer One	Summer Two
Topic Title / Information:	<p>Nantwich and the Tudors</p> 	<p>The UK</p> 	<p>Changing power of monarchs</p> <p>The Changing Power of Monarchs</p> 	<p>Our changing world</p> 	<p>Local History – Our school through time</p> 	<p>Local study - fieldwork</p> 



PE

Children are to continue coming to school wearing their PE kits.

P.E. Kit:

- Black shorts
- White or light blue t-shirt
- Sound Sports Hoodie
- Dark Tracksuit
- Trainers

Opal PE sessions are on Monday and a Tuesday.

Please remove all jewellery before coming to school on these days.



Home-School Communication

It is really important that as a school we keep strong communications between home and school. You can use the methods below to share information with staff at Sound.

- Use the children's diaries/planners to record reading through the week.
- If you wish to speak directly to a member of staff (and it is something you would rather not share in the planner or SHOULD NOT BE SHARED ON CLASS DOJO) either ring the school office (01270780270) to arrange a meeting or email admin@sound.cheshire.sch.uk . They will then get back to you as soon as possible. Please add for the attention of (add teacher/staff member it is for)
- All communications should first and foremost go through to the class teacher, unless it is something which is needed to be directed to the Deputy or Headteacher.
- We will keep you regularly updated through our website, Facebook, and Class Dojo. You will also receive Mrs Minshall-Thomas's weekly highlights, giving you a snapshot of what's going on in school..
- Reminders, or other general information will go through our teachers2parentsapp and Class Dojo. We will be keeping both running for now through school. Microsoft Teams will be used for Virtual Parent Meetings.

Sound School Communication

Teacher2Parents (Eduspot)	Class Dojo	School Website	School Facebook	Face to Face
Admin/Staff emails	Children's Dojos for Positive Behaviour	Whole School key documents	Weekly highlights of school events & achievements for our wider community	Staff/Headteacher on the playground at the beginning and end of day – quick memos.
Electronic letters	Share pupils work and achievements	School Policies/Procedures		In person Parent Meetings
Confidential Documents	Sharing pictures of the curriculum in action!	Galleries of achievements/ events over the whole year		Open Days
School Dinners	Class/whole school announcement/ reminders of events etc..	Attendance Information		
Parent Bookings		School Curriculum overviews		
Confidential emails				
All attendance queries				

Reading Diaries

Day/Book	Child and Parent/Carer Comments	Teacher Comments
26.9.22 This and that	We practiced the flash cards and went over them several times, the only one she struggled on was they. (mum) Well done [redacted] KS	We looked at the 'ch' sound in Chip-chop-chin A good start [redacted] KS
27.9 Holidays Then and Now Mum's New Hat up to page 10.	[redacted] read Mum's new hat and she read very well today	I encouraged [redacted] to just read the 1st part rather than blending (a bit discussed) A great try today! KS my
27-09-22	[redacted] read Mum's new hat and she read very well today	
28.9.22 Tails	Well done [redacted] you did really well and read the whole book brilliantly (mum).	Well done for recalling the (ai) sound Well done today! KS

It is essential that we maintain the use of diaries at home and school to track the reading your child does. Please make a note in their diary whenever you listen to them read.



Class Dojo

We are excited to be fully using Class Dojo for the whole school. This is a school/home communication app that can be used to share work, information, and achievements! You will be able to see what we get up to in school and any team points your child has learnt.

We DO use this for:

Sharing your children's learning and achievements with class dojos!

Whole class/school announcements of events or reminders

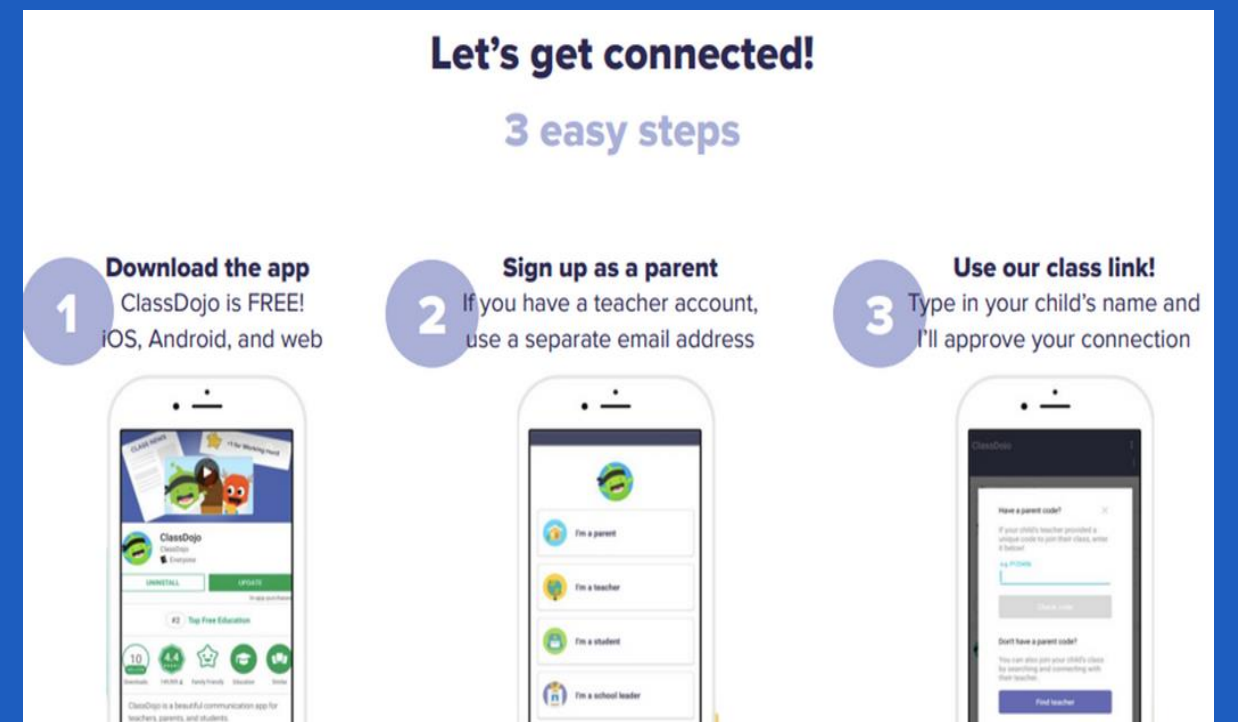
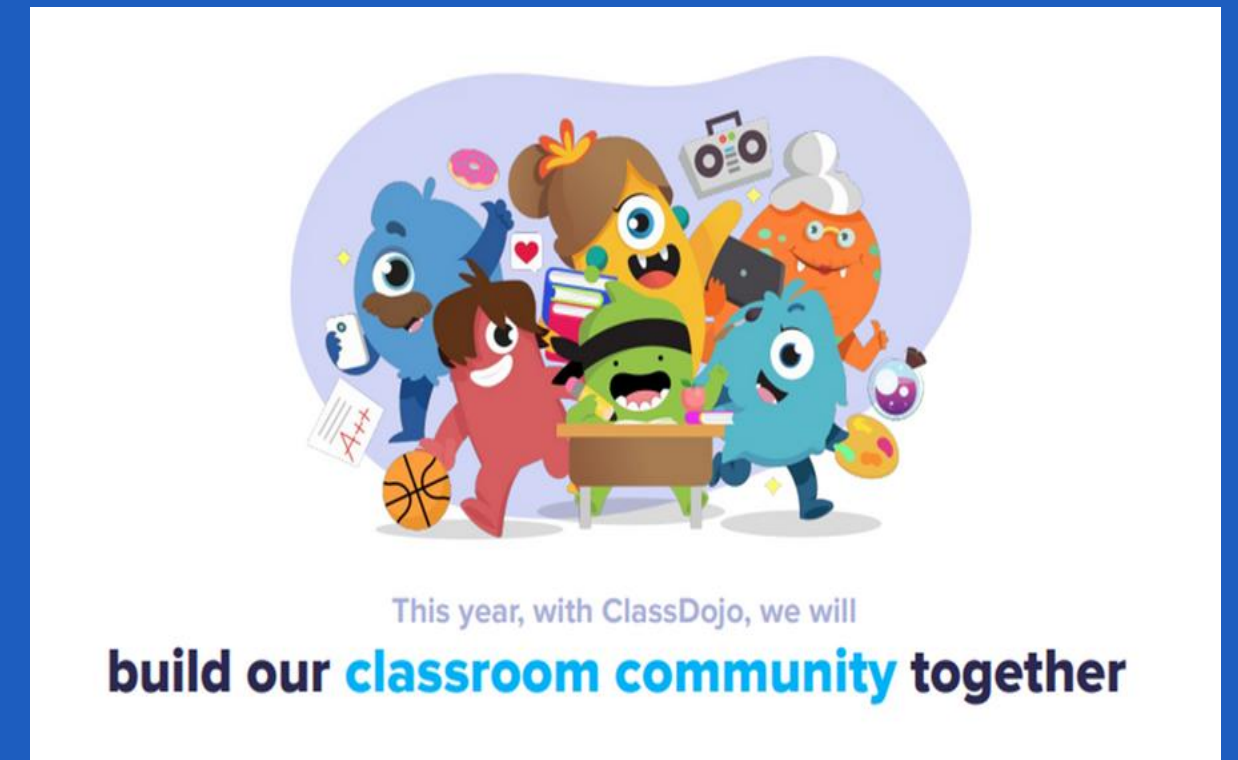
We DO NO use it for :

Concerns/complaints through private messaging – these STILL go through the school's central email.

Urgent, quick response messages – these still go through the school office

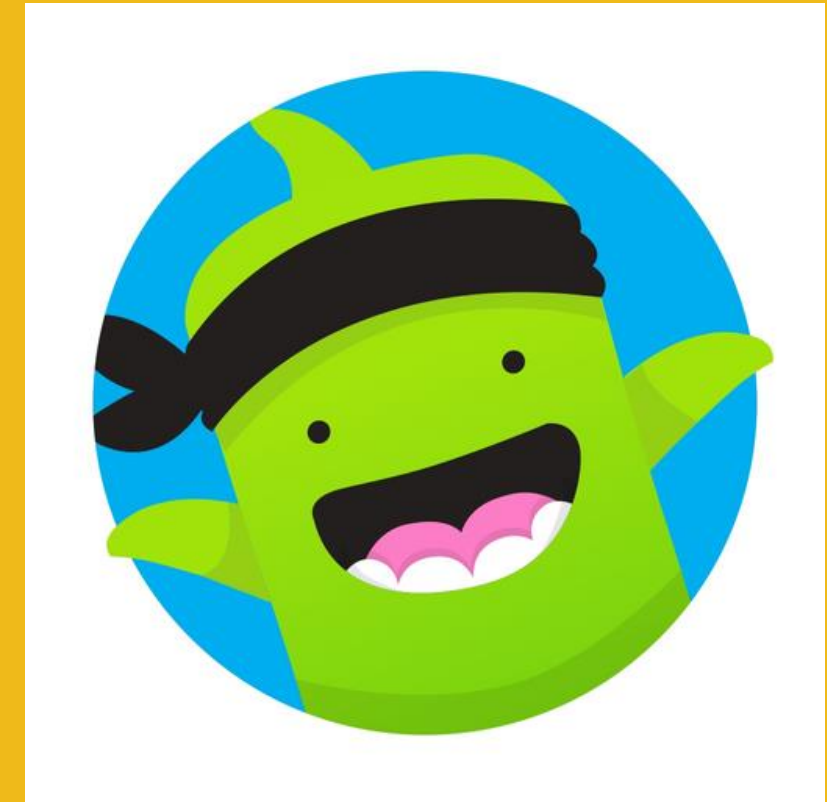
Any attendance queries or absences – these still go through the school office

PLEASE REFER TO THE CLASS DOJO CODE OF CONDUCT SO THIS GREAT APP CAN CONTINUE TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS!



We DO use this for:

- Sharing your children's learning and achievements with class dojos!
- Whole class/school announcements of events or reminders
- Non urgent message/reminder to the class teacher which does not necessarily need a response



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Homework



Children should read every night and complete AR quizzes in school regularly.

Year 4: TTRS should be done each night.

Year 3: Numbots should be done each night.

Any other homework will be posted to Class Dojo.

If you are ever unsure about any homework then please, LET ME KNOW!



Times Tables

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) is an exciting times tables app that we will be using in school and at home. Children will be expected to use this app throughout the week. Each game takes 3-5 mins so it's perfect to fit into their routine e.g. in the car, before dinner, waiting for the bath to run etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZxZbRVvbYM>

Year 4 National Times Tables Test

SUMMER TERM



What is the Multiplication Tables Check?



The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a key stage 2 assessment to be taken by pupils at the end of year 4 (in June). The purpose of the MTC is to make sure the times tables knowledge is at the expected level. The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for primary schools.

The MTC is an online test where the pupils are asked 25 questions on times tables 2 to 12. For every question you have 6 seconds to answer and in between the questions there is a 3-second rest. Questions about the 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times table come up more often.

How can I help?

We would recommend a number of strategies to support your child in the run-up to and aftermath of the times tables test including:

- Times tables chanting: “6, 12, 18, 24...”
- Times tables chanting in reverse order: “108, 99, 90, 81...”
- Using times tables songs, like Schoolhouse Rock’s ‘3 is A Magic Number’
 - Using apps, like the one by kks2timestables.co.uk, Times Tables Rock Stars or Hit the Button
 - Using free online games, like those on Maths Frame
 - Asking your child multiplication calculations out of order, like: “What is 4×7 ? What is 9×5 ? What is 6×11 ?”

The following activity closely resembles the Multiplication Check that your child will take at the end of Year 4. Practicing this will greatly help your child become comfortable with the test format and improve their confidence.

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>





Accelerated Reader

- Super success over last few years.
- Engaged the children (almost everyone!)
- Each time they finish a book they quiz to test comprehension –target 85%
- Reward based.
- If every child in the class fully participates they will be at least at the expected level for their age group at the end of the year.
- Aim to complete one book a week if Orange/Green/Blue Band,
- Pink / Brown + one book a fortnight





Children who read outside class daily are five times as likely to read above the expected level for their age compared with children who never read outside school.

20 minutes a day

1,800,000 words per year

5 minutes a day

282,000 words per year

1 minute a day

8,000 words per year

National Literacy Trust's Children and Young People's Reading, 2016

Online Safety (Safeguarding)

Safeguarding Lead (DSL) : Mrs Minshall-Thomas
Deputy Safeguarding Lead : Mrs Wagg,
Online Safety : Mrs Minshall-Thomas

Online Safety at Sound



- Built into the Curriculum Plans & special awareness days and weeks
- Continual Staff training
- School Safeguarding Team – pupil safeguarding leads work with the DSL, Safeguarding Governor, PC Jarvis & other external organisations
- Parental workshops and guides shared on our school platforms.
- regular updates/useful guides shared on Class Dojo

Online Safety - Sound and District Primary School
(soundprimary.co.uk)

PTA

As well as the school office we now have the following contact:
info@friendsofsound.com



In behalf of the school, we thank you for donating new, wonderful white boards to all the classes in our school. It now improves our wide range of learning, as it has many features. The multitude of opportunities that we wouldn't have before. Also, our teachers are very excited to use them.
Love from: Head boy and Head girl and the Sound team.



PTA

At Sound and District we have a very supportive PTFA who help to raise funds for the school, organise exciting events and experiences for the children and help to further develop a strong parent - school relationship.

If you would like to join 'The Friends of Sound' and work closely with the school, please contact the school office for further information.

Look out for our events through the year, support at these events is always welcomed!

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**Any
Questions?**

Thank you!

