



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1 – Week 5 – 2nd October 2026

Diary Dates

Thursday 16th October – Harvest Festival (9am and 11am)

Tuesday 21st October – Parents Evening

Thursday 23rd October – Parents Evening

W/B 26th October – half term

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we have had in Reception! The children have continued to settle beautifully into their routines and have enjoyed lots of exciting learning experiences across the week.

In Maths, the children have enjoyed learning how to break down whole numbers into smaller parts. They have been developing their understanding of the composition of numbers within five and have enjoyed exploring different ways that numbers can be made.

During Welly Wednesday, we enjoyed exploring the story *Leaf Man*. We headed outside to collect leaves of different shapes, sizes and colours, just like the ones we saw in the story. We then used our collections to create our own pictures inspired by *Leaf Man*. The children loved using their creativity and imagination to turn their natural materials into wonderful artwork.

In Literacy, we have continued to focus on recognising and forming our letters, as well as practising writing our names. The children have been working hard to develop their confidence with their letter formation and are beginning to take great pride in writing their names independently.

In PE, we have been exploring different ways to balance using different parts of our bodies. The children have enjoyed challenging themselves to hold different positions and have been developing their coordination, control and body awareness.

We have also really enjoyed attending our whole-school singing assemblies. The children have been enthusiastically joining in with the songs and actions as we prepare for our upcoming Harvest Festival performance. We are very excited to share their singing with you!

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Reception Team

Literacy

In Literacy, we have continued to focus on recognising and writing our letters. The children have been practising their letter formation and developing their confidence in writing their own names. They have enjoyed recognising familiar letters and applying their phonics knowledge during their independent learning.



This week we have been learning...

Story of the Week

"In Every House, On Every Street"



Phonics

This week the children have learnt the following phonemes:



g-goat- "start at his ear, around the face and down the beard"

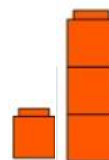
o-ostrich- "around the ostrich's body"

c-camel- "curl around the camel's back"

k-kite – "down the body, up the arm, down the leg"

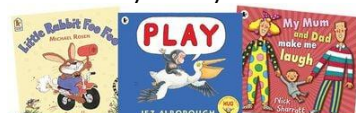
Numeracy

This week the children focused on the concept of adding one more. We used cubes to help us see how numbers up to 4 can be made, using '3 and add another 1' for example.



Home Learning

Next week we will be exploring our favourite texts. Think about what your favourite story is, the author name and a reason why it is your favourite.





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Notice Board

Polite Request

Please ensure your child is responsible for their own belongings and are ready to walk into the classroom independently. They should then place their book bags with reading books inside their named trays and hang personal belongings on their named pegs.

On Thursday mornings please have your child's reading book ready to be exchanged. This must be given to a member of class staff or it will not be changed for the week. Thank you for your support with this.



Stay and Read

We would like to invite you to join your child for our weekly 'Stay and Read' sessions.

You can join us from **8.40am to 9am** every Friday mornings.

The next sessions are on:

Friday 9th October

Friday 16th October

Friday 23rd October



EYFS Theatre Trip

We are thrilled to offer your children the opportunity to watch a live theatre show!

Show: "Room on the Broom"

Date: Thursday 12th November 2026

Time: 10:30am

Price: £15

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered for the trip. Will let you know nearer the time who will be joining us.

Please note this does not guarantee your place on the trip and volunteers will be selected at random.



Harder to Read and Spell Words

Throughout our phonics learning, the children will learn how to read and spell words that do not follow the phonics rules and words that appear frequently within texts. They need to learn how to recognise these words with speed and know how to write them down. This week the children learnt the following words:

put

of

is

to

Can you spot any of these words in your decodable books this week?

EYFS Donations

We are always grateful for any donations that can help enhance our Reception children's learning and play. If you are able to donate any of the following items, we would be very appreciative:

- 🖌️ Chunky and smaller paintbrushes
- 💧 Water-play toys
- 🏖️ Sand-play toys
- 🖍️ Felt-tip pens
- 🌿 Faux ivy and hanging baskets for our outdoor area
- 🧹 Children's brooms
- 🩺 Doctor's/role-play set

Thank you so much for supporting our EYFS provision! Every donation, big or small, helps us to provide engaging and exciting learning opportunities for the children.