

September 2026

Dear Parents

Autumn Term 2026 – Reception Curriculum Newsletter

We are looking forward to welcoming the children in their 2 groups on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th September and as a whole group on Friday 11th September with their lunchboxes. In the mornings and afternoons, you will need to walk around the school into the playground for drop off and pick up. From Monday 21st September, teaching assistants will be on duty in the Reception playground and children can be left with them from 8am. If your child is not happy to be left we would kindly ask that you stay with them until 8.30am when they will come into class. Collection will be from the classrooms at 2:45pm.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development: we will be getting to know each other, our class and school. We will be learning how we are the same and different and about people who are special to us.

Communication and Language: we will be developing our listening skills and answering how and why questions. We will also respond to instructions. Through role play we will practise language to imitate roles and experiences.

Physical Development: we will be dressing in rain suits independently, putting on and taking off our shoes, coats, jumpers and aprons. We will be experimenting with ways of moving, climbing and balancing. We will practise holding a pencil correctly and begin to form recognisable letters. Each class will have 10 weeks of swimming; Mrs Cartmell's class will be in this autumn term with more information to follow.

Literacy: we will be looking at a range of books. We will have daily phonics lessons to learn the different sounds letters make and to read some 'tricky words' - each week we shall share what has been taught on Seesaw. We will be experimenting with mark making and early writing. Reading books will be sent home after the October half term.

Maths: we will consolidate our number knowledge to 5, with a focus on subitising -the recognition of amounts without counting. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KtifCNIYy4> We shall also be matching, sorting, comparing and looking at patterns.

Understanding the World: in Forest School we will look at the changes in the seasons. We will recognise how we are unique and find out about special family events and celebrations. In Science, we will be exploring The Senses, Space and looking more closely at materials.

Expressive Arts and Design: we will explore different media and construct with a variety of resources. Through role play and small world play we will play alongside other children to develop and act out stories.

Music: we will enjoy singing a variety of songs linked to class activities and seasonal events. We will sing counting rhymes, action songs and listening games. The children will play a selection of untuned percussion instruments and learn about beat and rhythm. Towards the end of term we will perform a Christmas nativity.

Other information:

- PE kit to be worn on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Please add **one** keyring to book bag handle for easy identification
- Please put one small healthy snack into bookbags, fruit or chopped vegetables are a good option **(no nuts or nut products)** Ensure snacks are named.
- Please also ensure that children have a water bottle in school every day. These bottles **should have a sports cap**, as this helps reduce spillages when they get knocked over. **Please do not put these in book bags in case of leaks.**
- Forest School will start on Friday 18th September. Children should come to school wearing long trousers and a long-sleeved top. Layers will need to be added as the weather cools. Children will wear a rainsuit provided by school.
- Please do not bring toys into school.
- You will receive a login for Seesaw soon - this is our online learning journey and we will update it regularly with an overview of our learning. Please share interests, achievements and learning from outside school with us on Seesaw, the children are always very proud to share their posts with their classmates.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards

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