Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026

Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

We can hardly believe how quickly the time has flown by as the chidlren have completed their first half term in Reception! What a fantastic start it has been and we are so proud of how wonderfully the children have settled into school life. Over the past few weeks, we've been busy getting to know one another, exploring our new classroom and learning all about our daily routines.
It's been lovely to see the children's confidence grow, their independence blossom and so many new friendships begin to form. We've had lots of smiles, laughter and exciting first experiences along the way! We look forward to welcoming the chidlren back tommorow.

Warm regards,

The Reception Team:

Mrs Hardy, Mrs Banks, Mrs Liebow, Miss Saxby and Miss Montgomery

In phonics, we've been busy exploring our initial sounds through the Read Write Inc. programme. The children have been fantastic at practising their listening skills, spotting and recognising sounds and beginning to blend sounds together to read words. We're so proud of their enthusiasm and how hard they are working!
In maths, we've been having lots of fun matching objects, comparing size and exploring patterns through our continuous provision. The children have loved getting hands-on with their learning, and it's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they explore new mathematical ideas.

In literacy, we've loved diving into the story *Biscuit Bear*! The children have really enjoyed exploring the story, and one of our highlights was making our very own biscuits. There were lots of busy little hands, excited faces and of course, plenty of delicious biscuit fun! It was a wonderful way to bring our learning to life, and the children had a brilliant time.

Our outdoor learning has been full of fun and adventure! The children have loved exploring our outdoor area, developing their gross motor skills and letting their imaginations run wild. The dinosaurs, construction and our sandpit continue to be a firm favourite!
We've also been getting our fingers moving with our daily Dough Disco! The children have loved squishing, squeezing and rolling the dough to the music, all while strengthening their little fingers and developing those important fine motor skills. Lots of smiles and plenty of wriggly fingers!

Reminders

As always, our priority during dismissal is ensuring that every child is safely reunited with their parent or carer. While we are more than happy to speak with parents, we kindly ask that any discussions wait until all children have been dismissed. This helps us maintain focus on the safety and supervision of the children during this busy time.

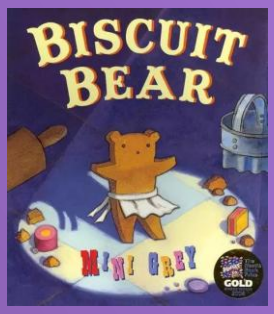
If your child has forgotten something in the classroom at the end of the day, please wait until dismissal has finished before sending them back into the room. We also ask that you inform the class teacher before your child re-enters the classroom.

Please send in PE kits with your child during this half term if you have not already.

This half term, we are looking forward to starting our new topics and learning, plus our exciting 'Wriggly Nativity'! If you would like to, we would be very grateful for any donations for our future topics - please see our wish list below.













Reception Wish List

If you would like to support the classroom with a small donation, we are currently in need of the following items:

- Craft materials (e.g. feathers, buttons, ribbon, coloured paper, pompom, pipe cleaners, sequins)
- Cardboard boxes
- Used board games, puzzles or toys in good condition
- Dressing up outfits (used or new) for people who help us (eg. police, doctors, nurses, postmen etc.)

Any contributions, no matter how small, are always very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Thank you again for helping to make the start of Reception such a positive one for the children.