



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 1 – Week 2 – 11th September 2026

Diary Dates

Monday afternoon – library
Wednesday morning – P.E.
Monday 21st September – Parent Meeting at 2:45pm
Friday 2nd October – Buddy Assembly at 9am
Monday 5th October – School photos

Dear parents and carers,

It has been so wonderful to welcome the children into Reception and see how they have blossomed over the Summer break. An extra warm welcome to our new families to school! The children have had a brilliant first and second week back at school and have enjoyed all of the activities on offer in school. They have enjoyed exploring the new home corner, small world area and the book nook. The children have also enjoyed challenging themselves with different physical pursuits in the outside area. The children have been listening carefully on the carpet and are ready for the exciting learning ahead.

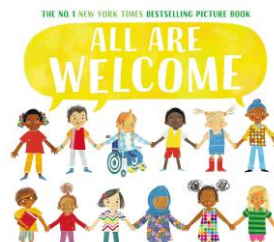
This half term the children are exploring the topic "All About Me". This week they have discussed what makes them **unique**. We talked about our physical and personal traits and how difference is okay! We also talked about **family** and what that means to us. We named the people that are important to us and described what made them unique. We read the story "All are Welcome" by Alexandra Penfold and "Our Class is a Family" by Shannon Olson, where the children discussed vocabulary, made relevant comments and asked meaningful questions. To support this learning from home, discuss your family, interests, careers and people of importance.

Have a wonderful weekend,
The Reception Team

This week we have been learning...

Story of the Week

"All are Welcome" by Alexandra Penfold



Phonics

This week in Phonics the children practiced the skill of **oral blending** and **segmenting**. We played a range of different sound games which encouraged the children to tune into the sounds around them. We played games that promoted sound recognition and quick blending. We are so impressed with the children's phonics already!

Phonics
ee ur ow
wh y au

Numeracy

This week the children practiced number sense, by singing familiar counting rhymes, practicing counting principles and recapping subitising.



Literacy

This half term we are exploring the topic "All About Me". The children had a go at drawing the members of their family. Some children even had a try at labelling their names, such as "Mum" and "Dad". Well done Reception!



Home Learning

Can you make a family tree together and talk about the special people in your lives together?





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Notice Board

Boom Reader

Please read with your child daily and log at least three times on Boom Reader. We can not change the decodable books until it has been logged on the system. Thank you for your support and co-operation.



Top Tips for Reading

1. Create a positive routine around reading.
2. Model pointing to the letters and tracking the words as you read out loud.
3. Praise, praise, praise! Keep reading positive and always celebrate their efforts.
4. Mindfully correct any errors.
5. Discuss the book together before, during and after reading it.



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 25th September

Friday 2nd October

Friday 9th October

Friday 16th October

Friday 23rd October



Reading Buddies

Year 6 visit our class once per week to support the children's emerging reading and read stories together. Each child has an assigned buddy who they will get to know across the year and develop a positive relationship with them. We will be hosting a "**buddy assembly**" whereby they will introduce their buddies to the school.

We warmly welcome you to join us on

Friday 2nd October.



Spare clothing

Please make sure your child has a spare change of clothes in their bag just in case they get a little messy from playing in our water and sand trays, including plimsolls and socks. Please make sure any spare clothing and footwear is also labelled.