Reception
Autumn Newsletter 2026





Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to our Reception year! The children are settling in well and have been exploring the Reception classroom inside and out. To help you and your child get into the routines of school life, we have come up with a list of helpful tips...

- Every child needs a pair of wellies to be kept in school. These must be named and left under their peg in the cloakroom.

- P.E. kits are worn to school on a Friday. The P.E. kit consists of navy or black shorts or jogging bottoms and a plain white t-shirt or white polo shirt with their school jumper/ cardigan.

- Children can only wear stud earrings for school. On a Friday when we have PE, please remove your child's earrings or cover them with tape in case they get knocked.

- Nail varnish must not be worn at school.

- You child's safety is of the utmost importance to us. If someone else is picking your child up, please let us or the office know in the morning. **If you do not let us know, we cannot let your child go without your consent.**

- Your child needs a bag or reading folder that is big enough to keep an A4 plastic wallet in where their reading books and sheets will be kept. Their reading books will be sent out on Thursday 17th September after the parent Phonics/Reading meeting. Your child will not need a separate bag with a change of clothes unless they need to be changed on a regular basis.

- If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa then please could you let the office know and give 1 week's notice prior to changing.

- If your child comes to school on a bike or scooter, please can you encourage your child to push them until they are off the school premises. This is to minimise the possibility of accidents at busy times on the school yard.

- Your child needs to bring a water bottle in everyday and we will encourage them to drink this on a regular basis. Please ensure the bottle they drink in the classroom only contains water not juice. Packed lunches can bring juice for lunchtime in their packed lunch boxes.

This term, we will be exploring the topic of 'Myself' and basing lots of our activities on the story 'Farmer Duck'. Before half term, we will be listening to the story of 'Winnie the Witch' and will be participating in some spooky activities. On **Wednesday 21st October** we will have a '**Spooky Celebration Day'** where children can come to school dressed up in their own clothes or Halloween costumes.

We will also begin our daily Phonics sessions which will help to link sounds to letters in order to help children read and spell. We will focus on developing our counting skills with numbers to 10, placing them in order from the smallest to the biggest and the biggest to the smallest as well as matching amounts of objects to the numerals.

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- Please find below a list of the letters and sounds being covered this half term. We will let you know how your child is progressing at regular times in the year and inform you of any additional support should your child require this.

Week/Date	**Letters & Sounds**
w/b 07.09.26	s a t p
w/b 14.9.26	i n m d
w/b 21.9.26	g o c k
w/b 28.9.26	ck e u r
w/b 5.10.26	h b f,ff
w/b 12.10.26 & 19.10.26	Recap on all sounds learnt

You will also be provided with a list of the letters and sounds being covered each half term in your child's reading record book.

We are excited to meet our Year 6 Buddies in a few weeks time. Each week, we will have time to play with our Buddies and participate in activities with them e.g. reading together, playing in the Butterfly Garden, making models and playing on the computers. Parents and Carers are invited to watch the Reception and Year 6 Buddy Assembly on Friday 23rd October at 9:00am.

Reception Dates Event

Tue 15th & Wed 16th Sept	School photographs
Thur 17th Sept 8:45-9:15am	Reception Phonic/Reading Meeting for parents
Thur 15th Oct 8:50-9:50am	Parents invited to join their child in a 'Stay & Play' Session
Wed 21st Oct Spooky Disco	Children wear own clothes or Halloween costumes to school
Fri 23rd Oct 9am	Rec & Yr6 Buddy Assembly for families to watch

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff in Reception.

Many thanks,

Mrs Marley and Miss Green.