

Reception Newsletter

Spring 2026



Dear Families,

Happy New Year to all our families. The children have settled back in very well at the beginning of this Spring term. As always, if you have any worries or concerns about your children, please come and talk to us at drop off or pick up.

Interests & Themes

During the term, we will be using an overall theme and planning from the children's current interests, curiosities and questions.

Spring 1 – Weather
Spring 2 – Food

For a more in depth overview of our potential learning this term, please have a look at the Knowledge Organiser attached with this letter.

Reading & Phonics

The children have done so well with their phonics learning last term. This term, we continue to do daily phonics, we will build upon our prior knowledge, with more digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words being introduced. They are now transferring this knowledge into their writing. Please encourage your children to mark make as much as possible, lists and labels are a great ways of getting children to write for a purpose. They don't need to be spelling everything correctly, but making phonetically plausible attempts, eg for bread they could sound it out and write b-r-e-d. They are using the sounds that they can hear in the words. The very beginning of the writing journey – it really is magic!

Phonics 'In action'

You are invited to come in and watch a Phonics lesson 'in action'. We will hold four sessions from Monday 19th of January until Thursday 22nd of January. The sessions will be at 8:50am, just after drop off and normally last about 20 minutes. Please sign up on the door with Mrs Cain.

It will give you an insight of how we teach phonics and how wonderful the children are at it!

Family Friday Reading

We will begin our family Friday reading this week. You can come in a read with your child up until 8:50am.

Anything Spare.....

If anyone is having a clear out or spring clean, we would be grateful for any donations of the below.....

Lamp
Junk modelling – old boxes, recycling, old (and clean) food packaging
Teapot
Decorative Spoons
Thimbles
Hairdresser head / dummy
Baby doll clothes (ideally not pink)
Cable drums

How to keep informed and up to date....

- Ask a member of staff
- Marvellous Me
- Facebook Page
- Class page on website

Weather Appropriate Clothing

Please make sure that children have appropriate clothing for all weathers. **We go out every day – warm coat, layers, gloves and hats are essential now the weather is cold.** Thank you in advance. PLEASE make sure that they are named.

Reminders:

- As always, good attendance is essential to maintain good progress.
- If your child is absent for any reason please contact the **school office** as soon as possible.
- A labelled filled water bottle should be brought into school every day.
- Reading books are changed on a Thursday.
- Library books are changed (once returned) on a Tuesday.

Home Learning:

- Please read with your children as much as you can, it really does make a difference. Practising the sounds and tricky words as often as you can also has a huge impact on your child's learning! Thank you!
- Below is a little information on what you can do to support your children with reading.

Dates to Remember Spring Term

Thursday 8th of January
FOH Magical Story Elves Event

**Monday 16th February – Friday 20th
February**
HALF TERM

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day

Friday 13th March
GLAM Morning

Friday 27th of March
Last day of term 1:45-2 finish

GLAM Morning

(Grandmothers, Ladies, Aunts and Mothers)

Look out for more details for our whole school GLAM morning on Friday 13th of March.

Help your child with reading

I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books and magazines at easy reach.

Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels...
anything that is close to hand!

