

Reception Newsletter

Our School Rules

Be safe. Be kind.



Be responsible.



Important dates

Half Term

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026

Easter Break

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2026

Remaining Non-Pupil Days

Monday 23rd February 2026

Wednesday 11th March 2026

Termly Learning Conference

Friday 5th June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Happy New Year!

The children have made some great progress with their learning! It is great to see them now being able to utilise their Phonics when reading and writing, and discuss their Maths knowledge in play.

We are looking forward to seeing what the rest of this term has to offer!

Termly Learning Conferences for this term will be in March. Appointments will be made nearer the time. In the meantime, please continue to look at Tapestry for updates on what the children are learning.

Weekly homework sheets will also be sent to consolidate our Phonics learning.

Our learning this term

PIRATES AHOY! And Once Upon a Time

This half term is all about pirates! In Science we will investigate floating and sinking, and we will make our own model boats in DT. In our topic lessons, we will be making and exploring treasure maps. Next half term we will be reading a variety of fairy tales and using role play to bring the characters to life. During Science lessons we will be looking at how to stay healthy, including the importance of hygiene, screen time and getting enough sleep.

Maths – we will continue learning how to build different compositions of numbers up to 10. The children will learn how to show this on a tens frame and subitise numbers up to 10. Comparing lengths, heights and weights is also taught over this next half term as well as 3D shapes .

Writing – we will use our phonics knowledge to write labels, captions and simple sentences in our topic work and focussed writing sessions. We will also be starting our new Little Wandle Handwriting.

Phonics – we are moving onto Phase 3 this term, and consolidating our Phase 2 learning.

Polite Reminder

Please make sure all of your child's belongings are labelled, including uniform, water bottles, lunch boxes, and coats.

In other news...

Independence

Thank you for supporting your child to come into the classroom independently and with putting their coats on. This has really helped their self-confidence!

For after half term, we will be helping the children focus on pulling their sleeves out when they are inside out. And zipping up their own coats. We would appreciate you coaching your child at home with this too.

Home learning

Thank you to all of the children who have been completing their home learning sheets. This is great consolidation of what we have been learning in class.

Please remember to read with your child at least 3 times a week. This can be any type of reading, and any book of their own choosing.

It will be also beneficial to practise some of the following with your child:

- Practise name writing and name recognition.
- Talk about healthy eating and living, encouraging brushing teeth, drinking and eating healthy drinks and snacks, balanced diets etc.
- Play games to encourage turn taking and sharing.
- Practise letter formation of the letters that have been taught so far.
- Practise reading tricky word cards.

SAFETY REMINDERS

We would politely like to remind you that we are a **nut free school** and there are children within our cohort with severe nut allergies that require epi-pens. Please refrain from sending in foods that contain nuts or nut traces.

Drinks: Please supply **water** in a **named water bottle** for children to drink throughout the day. They will be encouraged to drink and go to the toilet frequently. No fruit shoots, energy drinks or pure juice please.

Sweets: As a healthy school we do not permit children to bring sweets in lunch boxes or pockets.

The wearing of earrings is not permitted as we need to keep your children safe whilst playing and in PE.