



Reception Autumn Newsletter 2026

Let us start by saying a big thank you to both yourselves and the children on a wonderful start to the first few days in Reception. The children have come in looking smart, ready to learn and with smiles on their faces.



Curriculum

This term we will be baselining the children which means we will be finding out where they are with their learning and knowledge and that allows us to plan our activities accordingly. This is **not** a test and the children will not even realise that we are doing it.

Our topic this half term is 'Marvellous Me' and we will be exploring how we can be the same and different. As part of this topic, we will also be looking at some of the people who help us in the community. One of these will be the dentist so if anybody works in a dentist or is a dentist it would be lovely to hear from you.

We will also be following children's interests and some of the celebrations that occur around the world at this time of year.

In Reception, we will be putting a greater emphasis on the personal improvement characteristics which include being an independent learner and thinker, collaborator, imaginative and creative thinker amongst many others. These will underpin our teaching and learning experiences for the children.

Tapestry

We will be using Tapestry as a means of capturing Wow learning moments in school. Please use Tapestry to send us photos from home of any Wow moments your child may have. We love to see them. If you have any issues or need a new permission form so we can put you onto Tapestry, please let me know.

Fruit

We do provide fresh fruit at no extra cost for the children everyday however some children like to bring their own snack from home. If so, it needs to be healthy such as fruit, vegetable or plain/ cheese biscuits or breadsticks.

Cooking

During the term we will be cooking with the children as this is an important area of their learning and crosses many different subjects from maths to knowledge of the world. However to do this we ask for a voluntary contribution of £3 per child per term to help with the cost. This can be given to the class teacher. Thank you in advance.

Reading

Your child will be bringing a reading book (picture book) home this week for you to share with your child. There will also be a reading diary for you to record when you have read with your child at home. We will also record when we have read with them in school. These need to be brought in everyday and the books will get changed every Monday and Friday as needed.

On a Wednesday we will be visiting our school library and the child will get to pick a book that they would like to read for pleasure and to share with people at home. These need to be returned to school every Wednesday so they can be changed. The children will not be allowed to take a new one out until the current library book has been returned.

Clothing

Please make sure that your child has **a spare set of clothes** in their bag including socks and pants as not only may they have an accident but we do go out in all weathers and despite providing them with waterproof clothing, they still somehow manage to get wet or muddy. Also please ensure that your child brings a coat to school (preferably waterproof) and has a pair of wellies that can stay here as we do use the outside area all

year round.



PE

On **Fridays** the children will have PE. It is **essential** that the children **come in to school in their school PE kit** on Fridays.

Events coming up

Thursday 1st October - EYFS Harvest Festival Assembly 2.45-3.00

Friday 16th October – Little City visit – *details to follow*

Dates to be confirmed very shortly.

December – Nativity performances (two afternoon performances)

We look forward to the term ahead and any questions, please do ask.

Mrs Brunning and the EYFS team.

