

Reception Newsletter Spring Term 2026

Welcome back after Christmas and New Year. We hope you had a lovely time with your family and friends and enjoyed the time off school.

We have included as much information in this newsletter for the next term's activities so please keep this for reference. You can also consult the website for different dates and remember that we are always here to answer any questions.

Mrs George, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Wade, Miss O'Connell, Mrs Tomlins, Miss Littlewood, Miss Bresnahan, Miss Beech, Miss Smith, Miss Page, Miss Baxter and Mrs Badcock.

Speaking to the teacher

We operate an open door policy where we encourage you to tell us anything that will help us teach your child with maximum impact every day.

It is also important to note that during the hours of school time, the teachers **MUST** be teaching and supervising your children. This means that they will need to go in with their children after the class line up. This is to ensure that all children are safe and we maximise the learning time.

There are support staff to pass on a message or you can leave a message at the office - please do this in order to ensure the teachers can teach. We thank you with your support with this.

The gates will be locked at 8.50am so please ensure that you have left the playground.

Getting ready for the Good Level of Development

After the Whit holidays, your child will be assessed against the Early Learning Goals.

These goals are attached to this newsletter in order for you to familiarise yourself with them.

The levels children at the end of Reception have to get to are trickier than you would think!

Your child needs to be reading and writing the sounds they are bringing home and keeping up with the pace.

Your child's teacher will speak to you about your child's attainment so far and how best to consolidate this learning at home. This is crucial in ensuring that they meet the age related expectations.

Please work with school and work with your child for 5/10 minutes each night. This will make a big difference and will help your child fulfil their potential.

Snack money

We provide your child with a daily snack this includes; toast, biscuits, cereal, fruit and milk.

Please remember to pay £1.00 every Friday to ensure that your child can have their snack - this needs to be paid on parent pay. If we do not receive enough money to enable us to give children such a variety of snacks, we will unfortunately have no choice than to revert back to water/milk and fruit after the term.

Attendance

In order to raise our attendance, please make sure that your child is in school each day and on time. If your child falls below 96% attendance, of which there are a number in Reception, this will trigger Educational Welfare Officer involvement. Please work with school to support your child getting into school, on time, each day.

Topics

- Your child will be learning about superheroes and space within the Spring term of Reception. Please help them by sharing these stories with them, and asking questions about characters of the stories so that they can begin to remember some. "Supertato" is a great story!

Parent courses

School offer free online self directed study courses using the Solihull approach, to help with any worries for parenting such as relationships, child development and behaviours. There are a few different courses offered.

Go to the togetherness website:

<https://togetherness.co.uk/pathway-library/>

Often, you will have needed to have completed this course before other services will get involved so school would strongly recommend this as your first port of call.

Please speak to a member of the pastoral team if you have any problems.

Reading

Your child must bring their book bag every day, and will have their books changed each Wednesday.

Please read for 5 minutes each night with your child - it makes the world of difference, and helps to develop your child's skills in many areas. The key words and phonic booklets that your child brings home should help with reading and writing. Please work with your child and read these, match them to words, and write words with the correct sounds.

Lunches

Please ensure that you continue with sending your child to school with a healthy lunch, a drink of water (flavoured water is acceptable) and ensure that this is in a food bag/container.

School staff will continue to check lunches each morning and will speak to you if you need to change anything. The point of this is that the Government guidelines state that staff must promote healthy eating and actively encourage this.

Educational Visits

The Reception team have booked for Freddie Fit, the mini Professors, the dentist, doctors, police and fire service to come in and complete workshops with the children in Spring term.

In Nursery and Reception, we work hard to find visitors who come in to school to complete workshops rather than having to go out of the school site. This is more cost effective and we are able to keep the cost down to a minimum for you. In Reception, we need to pay for extra adults to attend trips out of school - 1 adult to every 3 children, which increases costs significantly.

The visitors in to school are over and above our curriculum so those who do not pay will be unable to take part/may mean that we have to cancel.

The deadline to pay for these is by **Friday 13th February 2026** on parent pay.

Dates for your diary/notes:

- **Friday 13th February** - break up for half term. School opens on **Monday 23rd February**
 - **Thursday 26th March** - Break up for Easter. School opens on **Monday 13th April**
 - **INSET day - Friday 27th March 2026 - school closed to children**
 - **Maths Workshop - 25th March - 2.30pm**
- **Superhero day - Friday 6th February 2026.** Children will make their own costumes at school but can come in their own that they have from home.
- ❖ Please look at the Early Learning Goals attached to this newsletter and keep them somewhere safe. You can use these as reference to what your child should be able to do in May, as an expectation for all children in Reception.