

Reception Newsletter



Friday 25th September 2026

Our school rules

We promise to be...

Safe (is keeping our bodies safe, keeping other people safe, keeping things safe, keeping ourselves safe and keeping our learning safe.)

Kind (is sharing and taking turns, caring for others, helping someone, using kind words, looking after things)

This week...

We have..

- Made birthday cards for our friends; thinking about being creative learners and using our fine motor skills to use tools such as scissors and pencils. We have also thought about **significant numbers** - those that are important to us, such as our door number, our age and our birthday. The children have been writing the date of their birthday and have added it to our class **calendar**.
- Learnt the second of our school rules – being **safe** and how we can show this by looking after everything and everyone, including ourselves. We have special stickers to celebrate children when they are being **safe**.
- Continued to play lots of games to help develop our listening skills, as well as our focus and attention.
- We have begun to learn to read and write! This week we have started to learn the sounds (**phonemes**) that letters (**graphemes**) make.

Next week

We will be learning 4 new **graphemes** (letters) and **phonemes** (sounds). Please remember to return your child's phonics folder on **Wednesday** so we can add new learning to their folder.

At home

Please take time with your child to look at their phonics folder. Talk about what day of the week it is.

Phonics – We have started teaching phonics, learning 4 new **graphemes** (letters) and **phonemes** (sounds)

s – swerve around the snake (snake)

a – around the head and down the body (ant)

t – down her body and cross the shoulders (teachers)

p – down his body, around his face (parrot)

Dates for the diary

28/9/26 – Harvest

donations week

1/10/26 – Census Day

(more info to follow)

Other bits:

- ❖ **SPARE CLOTHES** – Please ensure your child has a full set of spare uniform clothes in school. These will always be kept in school in a plastic bag on your child's peg.
- ❖ **NAMED CLOTHES** - Please ensure you have named **ALL** your child's clothes including **shoes**. As the weather has been unseasonably warm, children have been taking their jumpers off. Unfortunately, there are quite a few without names in them, which makes it difficult to return them to the correct owner!
- ❖ **PHONICS FOLDER** - Your child will bring home a **phonics folder** with the 4 new phonemes taught. There is guidance included on how to use them **at home**.

Phonics Folders Routines

Phonics folders – back into school on a **Wednesday** and home on a **Friday**

*** words in red are new **vocabulary** that we have taught the children. Use this vocabulary at home to support your child's language*