

Reception Newsletter



Monday 12th October 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...

- Been learning how to **Play to Learn** when we are outside. We have talked about needing to be 'safe' when we do so. We have also explored using the scooters on the playground. This is great for developing strength and gross motor control, which will help prepare the children for writing!
- Learnt the NSPCC **PANTS** rules. **P** – Privates are private. **A** – Always remember your body belongs to you. **N** – No means no. **T** – Talk about secrets that upset you. **S** – Speak up, someone can help. This is a link to the **Pantosaurus** video that you can watch with your child.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-LL07JOGU5o>
- Explored how to use the **construction** area to play to learning during COOL time.

Next week

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

At home

Practice Oral **Blending**. Here is a video link with an idea of a game you can play at home.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSi6BxKqe6s>

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

g – (goat) -start at his ear, around the face and down the beard

o – (ostrich) -around the ostrich's body

c – (camel) -curl around the camel's back

k – (kid) -down the body, up the arm, down the leg

Harder to read and spell words:

These are words that do not use a phonetic code - we cannot sound them out and blend to read. We just have to see them and read them.

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Dates for the diary

22nd October – Last Day of School and Non-uniform day (info to follow).

2nd November – Return to school.

Other bits:

- ❖ **If you are late** – Thank you all for arriving at school on time, ready to begin the day. However, if you do arrive after at school after the bell has gone, please go to the main school office to bring your child in. **Learning starts at 8.50am** so, from this time, adults are bust supporting children and are unable to unlock doors to bring your child in.

- ❖ **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](#) – 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.*