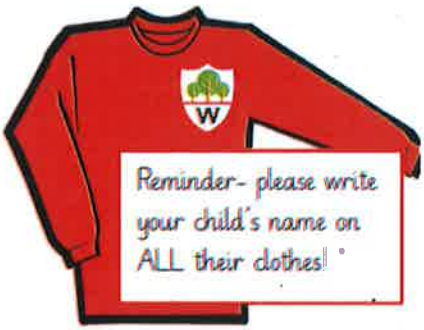
Reception

September 2026 Newsletter

Welcome

A warm welcome to Reception! We hope your child settles in quickly. This first half of the term, we will be really encouraging your child to be as independent as possible while they learn the routine of the day. We will begin by teaching the children the rules and expectations of the class, modelling how to use the indoor and outdoor environments, as well as playing ice breaker games that help the children learn each other's names and become comfortable within the setting. As the children adapt, we will start to introduce our more structured timetable, which will include phonics sessions, as well as literacy, maths, shared reading and topic sessions. The children will continue to develop their learning through play and will have a balance of adult led and self-chosen activities. We understand that starting school is a big step for all children, so if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to us.



PE will be on **Thursday**. Please ensure your child has their kit in school and encourage them to practise getting changed at home on their own.

Library day is on a **Monday**. Please return your library book every week so your child can get a new one.

Key Dates

14th September onwards – Rec complete full days

6th October – Disco

20th & 22nd October – Parent's Evening

24th October – Inset Day

26th Oct – 30th Oct – Half Term

10th November – Film Night

4th December – Occasional Day

11th December – Grotto & Xmas Fayre

15th December – EYFS Carols

18th December – Break up @ 1.30pm for Christmas

Homework & Reading Books

Once the children are settled into a routine, they will be given homework to complete. This may not be every week and will usually be linked to what the children are learning in school. **Homework will be handed out on Thursday and collected in on Monday.** Please ensure you spend time supporting your child complete this. They will have a homework book to complete their work in. The homework task will be sent out digitally via the DOJOs app. More information to follow.

Reading books will also be sent out. To start, the children will be given picture books and encouraged to tell the story using the pictures. As the children learn their letters and sounds in phonics, books with words will be sent home. Again, please spend time reading with your child to help them develop their reading skills. More information to follow.

Dojos is a platform that has a reward system which parents can be fully engaged with. Each child has a little Dojo character. Staff can award children Dojo points for positive learning behaviours/attitudes. Parents can download the app and receive instant notifications alerting them to the points received. The app also has a facility to message the class teacher, and vice versa.