



RECEPTION

Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to the Autumn Term

Welcome to our Reception class. We have had the most amazing start to this term. The children are already very settled in school and are happily accessing all areas of the indoor and outdoor learning environments. We have enjoyed sharing stories, playing games, painting pictures and constructing wonderful buildings. Thank you for all your help and support too. We feel very privileged to be a part of your children's start to school life.

Phonics and Reading in Reception

We will start formal Phonics lessons in week 3 and we will let you know what sounds are being taught each week. Your child will bring home a wordless book to begin with and we suggest that you try to read with your child 3 times a week, for no longer than five minutes, to establish positive reading habits.

Maths in Reception

Maths lessons will also begin in week 3, however we always encourage the children to notice and talk about what they can see as they play, both inside and outside. Conversations about number and shapes take place in all areas of the provision and we can already see the children developing their vocabulary as we ask them 'what do you see?'. Our formal maths lesson content is: match, sort and compare; talking about measure and patterns; number sense 1,2,3; circles and triangles; number sense 1,2,3,4,5; shapes with 4 sides.

Other subjects

Drawing Club is a creative storytelling and drawing approach. Each session begins with a shared story, picture book, or animation. The children then explore the story through discussion, imagination, and drawing, adding their own ideas and details. They are also introduced to new vocabulary, simple writing, and playful "secret codes" (letters, numbers, or symbols) to extend their learning.

In the first half term we will learn about ourselves and how we are different from, or the same as, our friends. We will also be looking at the changes in our garden as Autumn turns to winter. In the second half term we will learn about Celebrations around the World and begin to work towards our Nativity performance at the end of term.

General Information

- PE days will be Thursdays and Fridays.
- Please can you ensure your child has clean clothes to change into on their peg.
- As the weather begins to get cooler, please bring in a named winter wear that your child can independently put on.
- If your child is celebrating their birthday, they can come to school in their own clothes on their special day. If you are planning on bringing in birthday treats, please can they be individually wrapped, for example small cupcakes.

Dates for your Diary

11th September: Battle of Britain – school closed
27th October-31st October: Half Term