



# Reception Newsletter

January 2026

## Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all of the children back to school and we hope you had a lovely Christmas. Our topic this half term will be 'Our World'. During this topic the children will learn about the effects of the changing seasons on the natural world around them, with a focus of winter and winter animals. We will also be learning about life in other countries and then recognising some similarities and differences between life in this country and life in others. If you have any family members that live in different countries or you have had a family holiday to a destination that children would like to share, please feel free to send in a photograph so it can be added to a display. During this half term we will also be learning about Chinese New Year and how this festival is celebrated throughout the world. If your family celebrate any cultural celebrations or festivals please let us know so we can incorporate these into our learning at school. After half term our topic will be changing to 'Traditional Tales'.

## Phonics Workshop

27th January 2026 (2.00pm)

Just a reminder that we will be holding our phonics workshop for parents/carers, where you will have the opportunity to learn more about how phonics is taught in school and some strategies to continue to support your child. We look forward to seeing you there (please see the letter for more information).

After the phonics workshop, children will bring home a phonics pack for you to use and practise phonics at home. When they come home, feel free to cut them up and use them as flash cards. Please continue to listen to your child read as often as possible.

**Our Community** Throughout the children's time in reception we learn about different jobs within society and the importance of every job role. We would like to invite any parents/grandparents etc into school to speak to the children about their occupation. Please see a member of the Reception team if you would like anymore information.

We look forward to the term ahead, and please speak to any member of the Foundation Stage team if you have any queries or concerns about your child.

Thank you for your support,  
Mrs Cottle and Miss Speechley

**Phonics and Reading** The children are enjoying our daily phonics sessions within school. This term we will be securing phase 2 and moving on to phase 3.



Children bring their phonics reading books home on Fridays for you to enjoy practising and sharing the book together. Please ensure that these books are returned to school on a Tuesday (Unfortunately we have had some books not returned or accidentally ruined, these books are part of a set and are essential to our phonics scheme. Please ensure these are looked after at home and returned to school each week.)

Our Foundation Stage Library is still available for you to access books daily if you would like to.

## Celebrations from Outside of School

Children are welcome to share any achievements or celebrations from outside of school with their class e.g. swimming certificates, football trophies or a new achievement they are proud of such as riding a bike etc. These can either be shared on Tapestry or items brought into school.

**Junk Modelling:** As we are sure you are aware, the children are enjoying creating structures /models using junk modelling resources. We welcome any more donations to keep up with the growing demand. Thank you.