

Reception Spring Term 1 Newsletter January 2026



Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to the new school term. We hope you and your family had a lovely festive break and we wish you a very happy New Year!

We are all ready and raring to go, with an action-packed half-term planned and lots of exciting learning opportunities for your child. This newsletter includes curriculum information, along with important reminders and dates for your diary.

Our topic this half-term is **“The Helpful Patrol,”** and we are very excited to be welcoming a police officer to school next week to help launch our topic. We are also looking forward to visits from the Fire Service, a police officer, and a nurse later in the half-term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

The EYFS Team

PE

PE for both classes is on Friday; PE kits are left in school until half term, please ensure all pieces of clothing are named. Please ensure any ear piercings are removed for PE.

Are you a Person who Helps Us?

We would love to welcome anyone into school to speak to the children about your profession. Please speak your class teacher to arrange a date!

LEARNING AT HOME

Sound Book from Friday 9th January In your child’s book bag you will find your child’s sound book. We have now started phase 3 letters and sounds. This has been designed to be used for quick recall for sounds and tricky words and then moves on to blending and segmenting. Please work through this book as regularly as possible,

Reading Book Your child will have a reading book for home in their book bag at a level appropriate for them. These books are changed on a **Friday**.

Library Book we visit the Library every **Friday**. Your child can borrow a book and enjoy looking at the book at home. Please bring your book in every Friday if you have read it so that you may choose another book.

Maths Activities will be put onto Tapestry every **Friday**.

Please complete the practical challenge with your child and record their work on Tapestry. We love to read about the learning the children have been doing at home!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- To end our Topic we will have a ‘People who Help Us day’ on Friday 13th February. Children are welcome to come into school dressed up as someone that helps within the community e.g. a Doctor.
- Little City coming into school. This exciting pop up role play will offer the children a fantastic experience of play.
- Visits from various people to talk about occupations.

WINTER CLOTHING & SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for winter weather. Hats, scarves and gloves are essential for cold days as the children do have access to the outdoors all day in all weathers. Please ensure all your child’s uniform is labelled, including PE kits. Clothing does get mixed up sometimes!

WATER BOTTLES

Water bottles must contain water only for the classroom. Children may have an additional drink of juice in their packed lunch box.