

THE SCOOP

EXTRA

OCTOBER HALF TERM!



October 2024

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Reception Diary Dates

Reminder—please see Diary dates for 2024-25 for all whole school events

November

Mon 4th Start of Term 2, **back to school for all pupils**

PLEASE BRING WELLIES IN FOR WEEK 1 (Class 1 & 2)

Mon 11th-Fri 15th World Nursery Rhyme Week

Wed 13th Reception Welcome Service, **9:30am** at Pip and Jim's. Children will also be performing our nursery rhymes (Parents invited)

Fri 15th Children in Need—wear something dotty

Tues 19th Parents Phonics Workshop @ 8:50-9:30 and 2:15-3pm

Tues 26th-Fri 29th Life Education Workshops

December

Tue 10th Reception Nativity **2:30-3pm**

Wed 18th Whole school Panto in school, Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day (more details will follow)

Fri 20th Last Day of Term 2—collection at 2pm. Return to school on Mon 6th Jan

If you have any worries or concerns please speak to a member of the Reception team, Mrs Smith or Mrs Mckenzie. We are always here to help.



IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR THE HALF TERM BREAK

Please check that all your child's belongings are **NAMED**—including pre-loved jumpers/cardigans, coats and water bottles. It's the only way we can get lost items back to you! Also, if they are named with older siblings names, it is helpful if this could be changed so we can practise recognising our own names. We currently have a number of items are not named and we would love to return to their owners.



We've made it!... half term is finally here and we wanted to say another **huge WELL DONE** to all of our children for settling into school so well this term. It's been a long term and they have all been amazing, getting to grips with new routines in our Reception classrooms and garden and at lunchtimes, as well as getting out into the wider school. We have seen so much fantastic learning happening!

We've had a great start to the year and are now looking forward to what next term has to bring. It's going to be full of activity and learning with our World Nursery Rhyme week and Welcome service and our Phonics Workshops too. There will also be the run up to Christmas (too early to mention that word?!), which will include our Reception Nativity. Make sure you have your tissues at the ready! Please look out for further information regarding details and dates for costumes during Term 2.



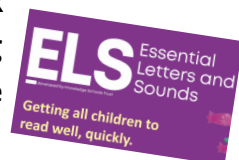
What a busy term we've had, with lots of fun and smiles along the way!



Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed getting out into the playground at the back of the school, exploring the PlayPod equipment and playing with friends from other year groups and their siblings. The Reception team continues to support our children during these times and it's been lovely to see how the children's confidence is growing, along with their independence. As we move into next term we will be introducing our **Year 5 buddies**, who will also be there during lunchtimes to be a big friend to look out for and play with in the playground.



Thank you to all our grown-ups who have joined us for events like our Parent Playpod session, Family Tree event and Curriculum information session. We hope you have enjoyed sharing these experiences with your child. **Please look out for further details about our Parent Phonics workshops being held in November, designed to help you support your child at home as they start their early reading journey.**



BREAKING NEWS

Reception work together to catch the Evil Pea!

We have had a fantastic few weeks enjoying the story of Supertato, saving the trapped veggies and creating WANTED posters to help find and capture the Evil Pea as he has been up to no good and caused all sorts of chaos! After a lot of planning, you will be pleased to know the Evil Pea has now been captured and put back into the freezer where he belongs!



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REMINDER

Don't forget to fill in a WOW voucher and return it to school so we can share your child's successes at home and out of school! You can help yourself to WOW vouchers on the blue notice board in the Reception outdoor area.



This term we have been getting to grips with our three school rules:

- Be Ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

We have also been working hard to use our kind hands and kind words as we work and play.

Go Team Reception!

Next term...

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We will be kicking off next term with our **Autumn Wellie Walk** around the school grounds to look for seasonal changes. Please ensure your child **has a pair of named wellie boots in school for the first week back.**

Things to try at home over the half term break

This term we have been really busy focusing on the **Physical Development** and **Managing Self** elements of our curriculum. The half term break is a great



opportunity to encourage your child to practise the skills of dressing and undressing into their school uniforms **independently** - especially taking off and putting on jumpers and cardigans and those tricky socks! Practising using the toilet and also using cutlery to eat a hot meal would really support your child in school too. If you are buying warmer coats for the colder winter



months, it is always a good idea to let your child practise putting on and doing up their new coat **independently**. Sometimes longer, thicker coats make getting arms in and doing zips up extra tricky. We would be extremely grateful if this is something you could practise at home during the break, including putting on gloves and mittens. Please make sure any new items are also **NAMED**.

We hope you all have a happy and restful half term.

Best wishes, The Reception Team



Forest School and Cooking

WONDERFUL Wednesday!

Next term we will be starting our **Wonderful Wednesdays**, where the children will be involved in a morning of enrichment activities every week.

Forest School: both classes will be visiting Forest School every other week during Term 2. Please wear school uniform as usual, and ensure your child has a warm coat and wellies in school. We will provide waterproof over trousers. A letter with further information will be sent to you by Miss Thompson, our Forest School Lead, with details of dates etc.

Cooking: Every alternate week, children in the class not visiting Forest school will be taking part in cooking activities. This will take place in groups so children may not bring home tasty treats to share every week.