



Friday 18th September 2026

Welcome to Reception!

Dear Parents,

We hope that your child has had a fun time starting school. The children are settling into their new routines and are coping extremely well. We now ask that they enter their classroom independently (as much as possible) and that you say goodbye to your child on the decking. This is to ease congestion in the classroom and at the door. A member of the Reception team will be on hand to help any children who require support with this transition.

P.E

P.E will take place on alternate Tuesday and Thursdays. It is very important that a full, **named** school PE kit (blue T- shirt, blue shorts, socks and trainers) are brought into school every Monday AND LEFT IN SCHOOL ALL WEEK. This is because although we have time-tabled PE on Tuesdays/ Thursdays, this may also be tweaked according to the weather! Your child will also need a plain, dark blue or black tracksuit for the colder months. If your child wears tights, they must also have a spare pair of socks in their PE kit. Earrings and jewellery cannot be worn during P.E. lessons and therefore it would be very helpful if they were not worn in school on our PE days. Also, if your child has hair longer than shoulder length, please ensure they have their hair tied back or have spare hair bands in their bags. We would also suggest that all school uniform is named too so when children get changed back from their PE kit, they can identify what uniform belongs to them.

Baseline

Next week, we will be also conducting the Government Reception Baseline Assessments with the children. The Reception Baseline Assessment is a short, interactive, and practical evaluation of your child's early literacy, communication, language, and mathematics skills as they begin school. The purpose of this assessment is to measure the progress of your child's year group from Reception through to Year 6 and it has been statutory for all schools since September 2021. If you would like more information, please refer to the attached leaflet or pop in to speak with your child's class teacher.

Clothing

Since the beginning of term, we have had a few jumpers and cardigans that have gone missing. Please could you check the labels in all of your child's school uniform. We are sure there will be some very grateful parents if we could reunite the clothing with the right owner! Please make sure all children's clothes are named including shoes, P.E. kits, coats and hats as this helps with reuniting missing items.

Home Learning

Home Learning folders will come home on a **Friday** and they need to be returned to school the following **Wednesday**. Please have a look at the Year R Home Learning Guide (sent out via email) to support you to complete these tasks and for more information about what it includes. Home learning will start on 25/09/26.

Junk Modelling

We love making models at school and would be very grateful for any of the following on a regular basis:

- Cereal boxes
- Cardboard tubes
- Clean yoghurt pots
- Plastic bottle tops (No milk cartons please)

Home Time Arrangements

School finishes at 3.15pm and children need to be collected from the classroom door at this time. If there is a change to the normal arrangements for your child's collection, please let us know either at drop off or via email/telephone to the office. Please do not rely on sending to the class email address as these may not be checked before the end of the day.

Snacks

Another quick reminder that snacks are to only include fruit or vegetables and water bottles to only include water. Unfortunately, we cannot allow the children to eat or drink anything else; this includes yoghurt coated fruit, breadsticks, dips, cheese, cake bars, yoghurt and squash.

Year R Wishlist:

Lastly, If you find that you own any of the following items and you are not in need of them anymore, or you are in a position to make a donation, we would be very grateful for the following:

- Art materials- paint, collage materials, masking tape, sellotape rolls
- Old shirts or t-shirts to be used as painting aprons
- Boxes of tissues (runny nose season is fast approaching!)
- Lego
- Children's magazines
- Baby dolls/ Superhero Figures/ Barbies/ Princess Toys
- Toy cars

We are really looking forward to working with you and your children over the next academic year. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us or make an appointment to see us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Durdle, Miss Leppard, Mrs Peers and the Year R Team 😊

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