

Reception Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Play ♥ Learn ♥ Grow ♥ Together

Welcome to Reception!

The children have made a wonderful start to their first week in Reception. It has been lovely to see them settling into their new classroom, getting to know their teachers and friends, and becoming familiar with our daily routines. They have been happy, curious and enthusiastic, and we are very proud of how well they have settled.

We have an exciting term ahead as we begin to explore our topics 'Me, My Family and My Friends' and 'Seasons, Weather and Christmas'. Through stories, play and practical experiences, the children will continue to develop their skills across all areas of the Early Years curriculum.

Together
We Belong ♥



Our Topics This Term

We will be exploring:

- ♥ Me, My Family and My Friends
- ♥ Seasons, Weather and Christmas



We will learn about ourselves, our families and friends, the changing seasons, different types of weather and the celebration of Christmas.



A Wonderful Range of Stories

We will be sharing lots of exciting books this term. These will support our learning about feelings, families, friendships, similarities and differences, the changing seasons and weather, and will encourage the children's imagination and love of stories.



The Colour Monster Goes to School



My Family, Your Family



Owl Babies



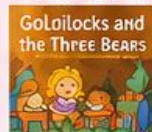
We're Going on a Bear Hunt



We Are All Different



The Rainbow Fish



Goldilocks and the Three Bears



Fletcher and the Falling Leaves



Elmer's Weather

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will help the children become confident and independent members of our class. We will learn about routines, boundaries and expectations, and how to care for ourselves, our belongings and others. We will also talk about different feelings and ways to manage them appropriately.



At home: Talk about feelings together and discuss things your child can do to calm themselves when they feel upset or angry.

Communication, Language & Literacy

We will develop speaking and listening skills through stories, songs, rhymes and conversations. The children will explore rhyme, recognise and write their names, develop pencil control and begin to use writing in their play. We will also begin learning letter sounds and Reception key words through our phonics programme.



At home: Share stories, songs and rhymes every day and talk about the pictures and characters together.

123 Mathematics



The children will develop their understanding of numbers through counting, number songs and practical activities. We will begin to recognise numbers to 10 and beyond, explore numbers before and after, and investigate simple addition. We will also explore size, weight and 2D and 3D shapes.



At home: Look for numbers in everyday life and count objects together when shopping, cooking or tidying.

Understanding the World



We will use our senses to explore the world around us and talk about how we have changed since we were babies. We will explore the seasons and weather and investigate different construction materials and ways of joining them. The children will also develop their early ICT skills through age-appropriate games and activities.



At home: Encourage your child to use their senses to explore everyday objects and describe what they notice.

Expressive Arts & Design



The children will explore different ways to create and express themselves using drawing, painting, printing, collage, music and movement. We will sing songs, explore instruments and use movement to express different moods and feelings.



At home: Enjoy different types of music together and talk about how the music, colours and artwork you see make you feel.

Homework & Reading



Each week, your child will bring home a Big Cat Phonics book and a story book of their choice. Please enjoy reading these together regularly and record your comments in the Reading Record. Please ensure that the books and Reading Record are in your child's book bag on Tuesdays and Fridays, as this is when books will be changed.

Weekly homework will be sent home on Fridays and will focus on letter and number formation, as well as name writing. Please return completed homework on the following Tuesday or Friday, when we check the children's book bags.



Thank You ♥

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a happy, exciting and successful first term together!

Mrs Pienkowska,
Ms Sonia and Ms Jaycie

Kind Hearts
Curious Minds
Bright Futures

St John's Catholic School
Reception ♥



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A Brighter Tomorrow ♥