Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2 – Week 1 – 6th November 2026

Diary Dates

Thursday 12th November – EYFS Theatre trip
Friday 27th November – Occasional day
Friday 4th December – Deco day

Dear parents and carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back this week, and what a fun-filled week it has been!

This week, we began exploring our new topic, Our Special People, through the heart-warming story *My Must Have Mum* by Maudie Smith. The story explores the special relationship between a boy and his mother, celebrating the magic in everyday experiences. The children then had a go at writing simple captions inspired by the story, focusing on using finger spaces to separate words.

In Numeracy, we have been exploring the concept of parts and wholes. The children enjoyed using a cake to recognise what makes a whole and discovering how it can be split into smaller parts. We had lots of fun exploring how the parts can be brought back together to make a whole again!

In RE, we have been learning all about Diwali, the Festival of Lights! The children enjoyed discovering how families celebrate this special festival and had the opportunity to make their very own diya lamps. We also brought our learning to life in PE, where the children had great fun exploring Diwali-inspired dances and movements!

What a wonderful first week back, filled with creativity, curiosity and lots of exciting learning!

Have a wonderful weekend!

The Reception Team

This week we have been learning…

Story of the Week

"My Must Have Mum" by Maudie Smith



Phonics

This week the children have explored the following sounds:



y – y – under the hull and down the anchor
z – zig and zag
qu – quill – around the feather and down the pen
ch – chips – chew the chunky chips

Numeracy

This week, we have been exploring how different parts come together to make a whole. We used a cake to demonstrate this, discovering that when slices are taken away and shared, we no longer have a whole cake! The children enjoyed identifying parts and wholes through practical activities.

Literacy

This week the children have been exploring placing a space between words to make simple captions about the story. They all had a try at writing a dictated sentence from the text.



Home Learning

Role play challenge: Can the children explore one of the community worker jobs in detail, such as dentist or postal worker, and act out a simple scenario representing the working day?



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Notice Board

Stay and Learn

We would like to invite you to join your child for our weekly 'Stay and Learn' (Phonics) sessions. These sessions will provide you with the opportunity to play a range of phonics games, talk to the teacher about the reading and writing process and play with your child.

You can join us from **8.40am to 9am** every Friday mornings.

The next session is on:
Friday 13th November

People Who Help Us

Do you have a job within the community? We would love to have a visit from any of the following: nurse, dentist, doctors, paramedic, police officers, fire fighters, midwife, postal worker or other community workers to visit the children and talk about your role. If you (or a family member) are available to support this, please speak to Miss Battams by Friday 13th November.

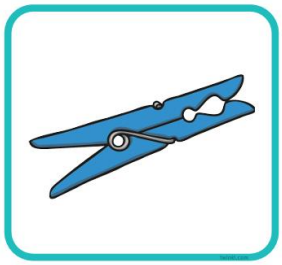


Writing Challenge

Have a try at writing a sentence. Use the examples or think of your own!



The jam is red.



Put the peg on.

Numeracy Challenge

Can you explore parts and wholes at home? With a grown-up, find something that can be split into parts, such as a sandwich, pizza or piece of fruit. Look at it before cutting it. Is it a whole? What happens when you cut it into pieces? Can you put the parts back together to make a whole again?

