



Welcome to the Reception newsletter



15th September 2023

What's been happening in Owls and Foxes classes...

The children have had a great time getting to know our classroom environment, the staff, and each other! They have all settled in really well, and we are proud of how they have adapted to such a big change.



We have also enjoyed getting to know all the children's unique personalities and interests. We have seen so much curiosity, humour and knowledge already!



We hope you are prepared for some very tired children when they come home to you, as they have been very busy and are taking in lots of new information.

Wellies

Thank you to those of you who have provided your child with welly boots. If you have not yet sent these in, please can you ensure your child has a named pair with them to leave in school. Our outdoor area gets very wet and muddy!

Naming items

Please could you ensure all items your child brings to school are named. We have so many items that look very similar to each other, which makes it difficult for young children to identify if it belongs to them or not.

Lining up in the mornings

It is great to see all the smiling faces lining up in the right places in the mornings! Could we please ask that now your children are feeling more settled and comfortable with the routines, that you take a step back from the children's line. This helps us to be able to see who we have in the line, and keep them safe as they go up the stairs. Thank you for your understanding.

Non urgent messages

You may have noticed that there are quite a lot of staff working in Reception, which means you may see a lot of different faces at various points. To ensure that we are able to best share information to support your child, it is helpful if non urgent messages and questions are directed to the main class teacher (or TA). You can contact both Mrs Kirby and Mrs Buddle via email, or you can talk to us on the playground at the end of the day. If you have a message specific to that day, e.g. a different person will be collecting your child, then please tell the staff member on duty, or email the office office@st-augustines.norfolk.sch.uk

If you have an urgent issue, please be assured that any member of staff would be happy to help.

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PE

We will be starting PE after half term, to allow the children time to fully settle into their new environment. We will tell you which day of the week your child's PE lessons will be nearer the time.

Backpacks

Could we kindly ask that children do not bring backpacks to school. We have very limited space in our classroom, and big, bulky bags make it difficult to pass by into our outdoor area. We only have room for the school blue book bags that are stored in baskets. If your child needs spare clothes, you could send these in a plastic bag to be kept in the class.

Please note, there are a limited number of book bags available for sale, at a cost of £5. You can purchase these from our school office.



Tapestry

For those children who attended our school Nursery, their Nursery Tapestry journal is now available to download. You should have received an email from Tapestry, allowing you to download it. If you have any trouble please come and speak to us. The Tapestry account will then continue for Reception and you can use the same login.

We love to see what the children are doing out of school, so please post anything you would like to share with us. The children love to show their friends!

Dates for your diary

- **Week starting 18th September** - children staying for lunch - 1pm collection. Please ensure you have booked a lunch on Aspen's, or sent your child with a home packed lunch. Aspen's lunch booking link is available on our school website.
- **Week starting 25th September** - children staying for the full day - 3.10pm collection.

Please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions, or send us an email.

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We hope you have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs Buddle, Mrs Kirby, Mrs Staines and Mrs Jeal