

Reception Newsletter!

25th September 2026



What's been happening in Reception this week?

Phonics

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Phonics meeting. We are now underway with our phonics journey!

This week, the children have been learning the sounds / s / a / t / p / by practising to hear these sounds in words as well as recognising the letter represented by each of these sounds.

The children will be bringing home their reading folders this weekend. Please keep these safely in their book bags when you aren't using them, as we will use them regularly throughout the week. Please practise the sounds s, a, t and p together and practise blending them to read the words in their phonics books.

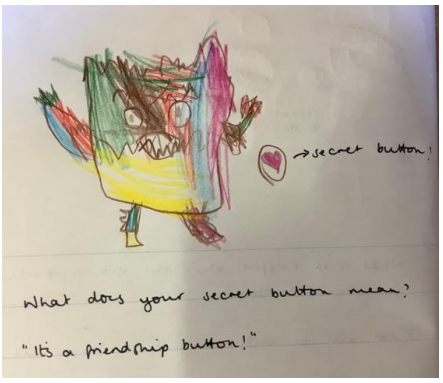
Just a reminder to **not put water bottles inside your child's book bag**, as they can leak and damage the books and other items they bring home.

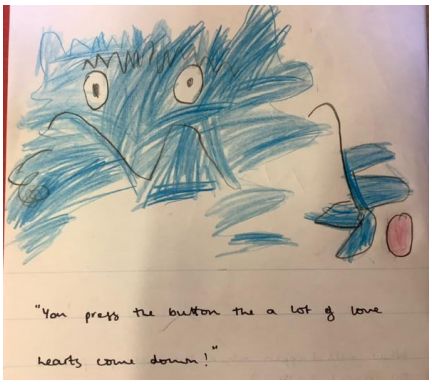
Drawing Club

Drawing Club is what we call our writing lessons. They are a fun and engaging way for the children to begin their writing journey and develop a love of writing from an early age.

The children are learning that the marks, drawings and symbols they make can have meaning. They are encouraged to use their imagination and talk about what their marks represent.

We usually base our Drawing Club sessions around a much-loved book. Last week, we started with The Gruffalo, and this week we have been exploring The Colour Monster. The children have enjoyed drawing their own Colour Monsters and adding secret buttons to give them special powers, such as a dancing button to make their monster happy!







Maths

In Reception, we do lots of subitising, which we call “counting with our eyes.” This means being able to recognise how many objects there are without having to count each one individually. It is an important early maths skill and supports children in many areas of maths as they progress. You can use this link to read information about how to support your child further develop this skill at home.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zsjbcmn#:~:text=To%20help%20your%20child%20get,arranging%20objects%20into%20different%20patterns

We have also been practising our sorting skills by looking at collections of objects and talking about what is the same and what is different about them. Talking about what they notice, as well as exploring numbers and patterns, helps to build strong foundations for future maths learning.

Religious Education

We have had a lovely start to our RE learning, exploring the message that God made each of us special, loves us and gives us families to love and care for us.

In our first lesson, the children discovered a special surprise mirror hidden inside a mystery box! They loved seeing their own reflections and talked about how we are all different, but each one of us is special and loved by God.

This week, we have been learning about families and how all families are special gifts from God. We have talked about the people we love and care for, and the different ways families show their love for one another.

A big thank you to all the parents who have sent in family photographs. The children have loved looking at them and talking about their families with their friends. If you haven't sent one in yet, there is still time! Email a family photo to us and your child will have the opportunity to share it with their classmates.





Questions or queries

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

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