

Reception Newsletter!

13th November 2026



What's been happening in Reception?

Phonics

We are so proud of how well the children are learning and applying the sounds we have been teaching them in our phonics lessons. During our lessons, we are helping the children to put these new skills into practice by blending sounds together to read words and segmenting words into individual sounds to help them write. These skills are practised every day to help the children build confidence and embed their learning.

We will be finishing our current set of sounds next week, which will then be added to the children's phonics books. When reading through the words at home, you do not need to tick them off, as teaching staff will do this in school.

Please make sure your child's phonics book, reading record and reading book are kept together in their book bag every day. We don't have set days for reading with the children, so it is really important that their reading packs are in school daily. This means we can practise the sounds and reading with your child at school, while you can continue to support their learning at home too.

All children should now have their login details to access Phonics Bug at home. Please let us know if you have any difficulties logging in and we will be happy to help.

Drawing Club

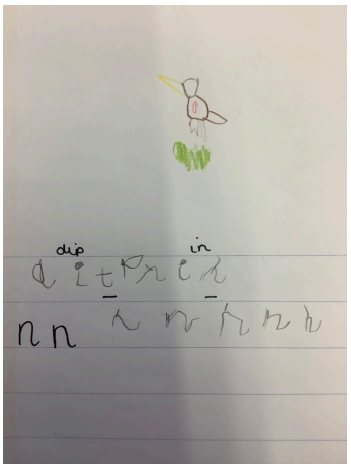
Thank you for helping the children collect lots of autumn treasure over half term. They were so excited to share their wonderful finds with their friends! It was a fantastic opportunity to talk about the changing seasons and appreciate the beauty all around us in God's world.

We have continued to embrace the autumnal theme through the books we have been exploring in Drawing Club, including *Pumpkin Soup* by Helen Cooper and *Leaf Man* by Lois Ehlert. The children have enjoyed creating their own transient art, looking closely at leaves and using them to make beautiful prints. They have also been busy making all sorts of wonderful recipes in our outdoor sand kitchen, using sticks, conkers and pinecones!

These hands-on, practical experiences, alongside our autumnal stories, have provided lots of inspiration for the children to develop their writing skills. They have been putting their phonics knowledge into practice by sounding out and writing simple words and phrases.



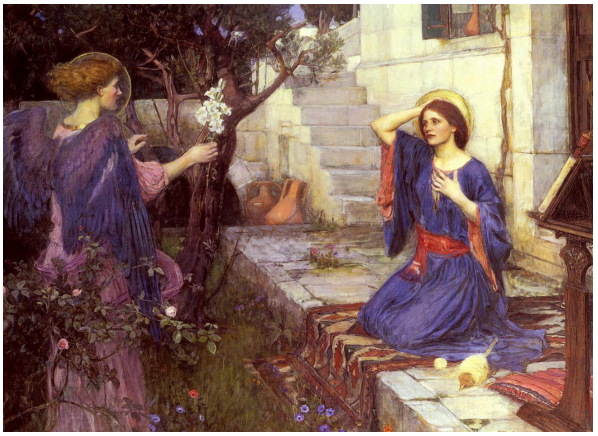




Maths

In maths this week, we have been exploring the numbers 1, 2 and 3. The children have been practising 1:1 counting, partitioning numbers into smaller parts and recognising different representations of numbers, including tally marks, numerals, ten frames and fingers. We have also been exploring one more and one less, helping to build confidence and develop early number sense.

Religious Education



Last week, we learnt about the Annunciation and explored how angels are messengers of God. We will now explore the tradition of the Crib, the story of the first Christmas and the true meaning of Advent as we prepare for this special time of year.

This is such an exciting and important time for the children, and we would love you to share some of your Christmas preparations on Tapestry. It would be wonderful to see your family traditions and how the children are getting ready for Christmas at home. As we explore this together, we want the children to understand that every family has its own special traditions, while remembering that the true meaning of Christmas is celebrating the birth of Jesus.

PE

We have now started our PE lessons and the children have thoroughly enjoyed getting involved! We use the 'Real PE' programme, which develops physical skills through fun, engaging stories and songs. Our first focus is on developing coordination and footwork, helping the children to build confidence, balance and control as they move.

A little reminder: Please make sure all hoodies and other items of clothing are clearly named, as these can easily get lost or mixed up.

Reception Library Books

We are excited to be starting our Reception library books next week! We will change your child's reading book on their PE day: **Tuesdays for Foxes and Thursdays for Owls**. The expectation is not for children to read these books independently; they are for you to enjoy together, helping to develop a love of books and stories. So, find a cosy spot and enjoy sharing some lovely stories together! Please make sure your child's book is returned in their book bag on their PE day so that we can swap it for a new one.

Dates for your diary



19/11/26 - Flu Vaccination Day

27/11/26 - FOSA Crazy Hair Day

07/12/26 - Reception Nativity Performance 2pm *

09/12/26 - Reception Nativity Performance 10am *

***This year you do not need to book tickets, however if there will be more than 3 people attending on one day, please let the office know.**

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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Best wishes, Mrs Knowles, Miss Ashley and Miss Gilbert