



Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to Reception! We have had a fantastic start to the year and are very much enjoying getting to know each other. We are writing to you to welcome you as a Reception parent and to give you some more information about what to expect for the year ahead.

Starting School Meetings

We're excited to invite you to one of our upcoming '**Starting School**' sessions on **Monday, September 8, 2025**. These sessions will take place at **2:20 p.m. or 5 p.m.**

These sessions are designed to give you all the information you need for the upcoming academic year. It's a fantastic chance to hear about what to expect, and we'll be available to answer any questions you have.

Our Curriculum

As a school we provide an exciting and engaging curriculum for all our children. This half-term our theme is **Amazing Me!** Our themes for the year and our long-term plan can be found on the school website.

PE

Children will have a PE session weekly. This term we will have PE on a **Wednesday**. For the first half term, we will only be taking off our shoes so a PE kit will not be necessary. If your child wears earrings, please remove or cover them before school as staff are unable to support them to do this. Please can all long hair be securely tied up to avoid any accidents. After half term, we will start changing into full PE kits. This should include a white or red t-shirt and black or blue shorts. Feel free to also include leggings/tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper as the weather gets colder. Please ensure everything is clearly named. For ease, PE kits can be left in school for the half term.

As a school we are trying to do our bit for the planet and recycle and reuse wherever possible. In school we have a uniform cupboard full of pre-loved items. If you need any additional uniform or PE kit please phone the office or catch us on the door.

Phonics and Reading

In Reception children have daily phonics and guided reading sessions. To help you support your child's learning at home, we will be sending home a small sheet each Friday detailing what we have covered.

In school guided reading books will be changed weekly. This book will be available to read the following week on our online reading platform, Collins eBooks. Once your child receives a reading record it will contain login details for this.

As the year progresses, children will also bring home an additional book to read. This can be read and changed as regularly as they wish.

As a school we promote a love of reading and encourage you to enjoy books regularly at home.

Library

Children will visit our Big Red Reading Bus each week. We will have a whole class story time on the bus, as well as providing children the opportunity to choose and borrow their own book. Miss Williams' Class and Miss Withers' Class visit will take place on a **Thursday**. Please remember to bring your library book on these days.

Weekly Newsletters

As always Mrs Clark and Mrs Stubbs will continue to write weekly newsletters to keep you up to date with all the exciting things happening in school. To reduce our paper use and do our part for the planet, these will be emailed out every Friday. Please contact the office if you are not receiving them. These newsletters also include important upcoming dates that you need to be aware of so please take the time to check them weekly. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,

Miss Williams, Miss Withers and the rest of the EYFS team