

Reception Newsletter

9th January 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

It has been lovely seeing the children back. The children have been doing really well settling back in after a two-week holiday. The children have loved sharing what they did over the holidays. They have been drawing pictures and using their phonic knowledge to label their pictures and to write a simple sentence. We have introduced our new topic 'People Who Help Us!'. Children have enjoyed discussing who helps them. They liked looking at different professions and talking about why their job is helpful.

In phonics, we have introduced the Phase 3 sounds **ai, ee, igh, oa**. The tricky words we have been learning are: is, as, the I. Please find attached your child's phonics learning. In handwriting, we have been practicing the phoneme 's' (**down the snake from head to tail**). Please find the letter formation sheet for support. In Maths, we have been focusing on 0-5, how to subitise and represent 0-5.

Next week, we will be focusing on Dentists looking into oral hygiene and how they help us. In Maths, we will be recapping 1 more, 1 less and the composition of 5.

If you or anybody you know work in any profession such as nurse, doctor, police, fire brigade, ambulance, vet, dentist etc. and are willing to come in and speak to the children about your/their job and what you/they do in your/their role. We would love to have you/them and the children would love to hear about all the amazing things you/they do to help other people.

Requests

- Please could we get more tissue boxes for the classroom 😊
- For our dentist week, we would love it if we could have some cheap children's toothbrushes, toothpaste and some floss!

Reminders

- As the weather is cold and children will be wearing more layers etc, please ensure you have hats, gloves and scarves labelled with your child's name.
- Children to have all PE bags returned (**shorts and white t-shirts**). Please ensure the bag only has the PE and any additional items to be in a separate bag.
- School readers, log books and library books have been sent out this week. It is really important you sign the log books to say your child has read their decodable book.

Many thanks and have a great weekend!
The Reception Team 😊



Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -



tail in the rain

ai

Pronunciation Phrase - ai
Open your mouth wide and say
ai ai ai



sheep in a jeep

ee

Pronunciation Phrase - ee
Smile with your lips apart and say
ee ee ee



a light in the night

igh

Pronunciation Phrase - igh
Open your mouth wide in a relaxed
way and say **igh igh igh**



soap that goat

oa

Pronunciation Phrase - oa
Make an 'o' with your mouth and say
oa oa oa

We will be reading and writing words. *Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?*

pain

see

sight

coat

hail

jeep

high

road

We will be reading sentences. *Can you spot any tricky words? Can you segment and blend the words and look out for this week's phonemes?*

The cat has a tail.

His feet go deep in the mud.

I can see a bat at night.

The goat had a red coat.

We will be practising tricky words. *Can you spot the tricky part of the word?*

is

as

the

I



Down the snake from head to tail.

