

Reception Newsletter

8th May 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been talking about the lifecycle of a human from baby to elderly adult and about what they would like to do when they get older for their career. The children came up with some excellent career choices and it was amazing to see all the children dressed up for Big Me day. The children got the opportunity to attend assembly to show whole school what they had chosen to wear. The children sequenced pictures to show the different stages in a human life, they did weaving to make a baby blanket and designed their own baby onesies. Also, they made lanyards for their dream job and wrote about what they wanted to do. We have now transferred our class caterpillars into their nets and we are observing daily to see when they begin to break through the shell of the chrysalis. In Maths, we have been focusing on sharing and talking about which amount is equal or not equal and why. In Phonics, we have continued looking at longer words/compound words (see below for this week's phonics). In Handwriting, we have been practicing the letter 'z' (across the top of the zebra's head, zig-zag down its neck and along.). Please find attached the handwriting sheet to practice at home.

Next week, we will be reading the story 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and we will begin to plant our seeds in our outdoor classroom which will be exciting. Thank you for the contribution of the bags of soil and seeds for the reception classes. In Maths, we will be exploring grouping.

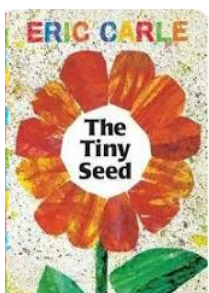
Requests

As summer is approaching, it is becoming hayfever season, please we have boxes for tissues for the classes.

Future dates:

- 14.05.26 - BICS Wellbeing Parent Workshop at 9:00 a.m (Theme: Supporting Boys Behaviour)
- 15.05.26 - FS Special books home for the weekend to be returned on **Monday 18th May**
- 20.05.26 - SEND and Wellbeing Coffee and Chat at 9:00 a.m (Focus is ADHD)
- 21.05.26 - PJ/Movie Night 6-8pm (information to follow)
- 22.05.26 - Last day of term (school finishes normal time 3.15pm)
- 01.06.26 - INSET DAY (School closed)
- 02.06.26 - Children return to school

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 -

s	a	t	i	n	m	d	g
o	c	k	ck	e	u	r	h
b	f	l	ff	ll	ss	j	v
w	x	y	z	zz	qu	ch	sh
th	ng	nk	ai	ee	igh	oa	oo/oo
ar	or	ur	ow	oi	ear	air	er

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

farming	forest	blanket	children
freshness	present	windmill	lunchbox
shampoo	wooden	finger	printer

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?

We are strong and we sprint in the forest.

The shampoo smells of blossom.

The second chimpanzee got a present.

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

there	when	what	one
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