

Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2

Have a wonderful half term break!

We hope you have a restful and memorable half term holiday. The coming weeks are set to be exciting and full of learning for our reception pupils. Read on to find out more about what we have in store!

Our theme this term is...

...Friends, Families and Festivals!

Last half term, we were learning all about ourselves, our families and our likes and dislikes. Following on from this, we will spend the coming weeks focusing on the festivals, celebrations and traditions that we each have. This will give us the opportunity to talk in positive terms about things that we share with others as well as our differences.

Key dates and important information:

- Monday 9th November 2026 – School photos
- Tuesday 10th November 2026 – EYFS Phonics Parent Workshop at 2:45pm
- Abbey Wood Memorial Garden Visit – TBC
- Friday 13th November 2026 – Light Up The Sky event
- Monday 30th November 2026 – INSET day
- Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd December 2026 – Parent consultation evenings
- Wednesday 9th December 2026 – EYFS Nativity AM and PM performance. Tickets will be released – await further information!
- Thursday 10th December 2026 – Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day

Colder weather

As we now head into the winter months, it is very important that our children have a warm winter coat to wear at school. Our reception children spend time learning outdoors throughout the day, so it is important they are dressed appropriately.

Reading books

Don't forget to ensure your child has their reading folder in school everyday to monitor their Shared Reading activity, Phonics Home Learning and their Reading Diary for communication about their home reading. Your child will continue to take a Shared Reading book home every day and their decodable book will be set online or given a physical book every Thursday.



How to support your child at home...

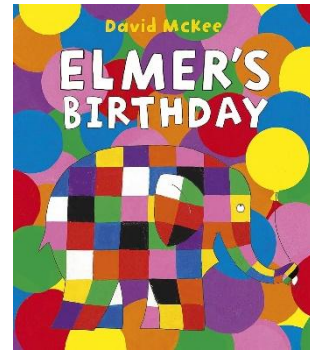
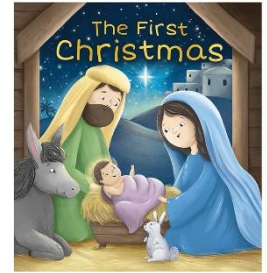
Here are some suggestions of fun things you could do to support your child with their learning this half term:

- Look through photos of your family at special times of celebration and share your memories with each other.
- Dress up in your favourite celebration clothes and have a party at home!
- Make your favourite party food and share it with special people.

Important things to practise at home:

- Getting dressed and undressed independently – including shoes, coats and fastenings!
- Cutting and eating using a knife and fork.
- Writing your name by yourself.

Some of the texts we'll be looking at:



OUR CURRICULUM

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Over the next few weeks, we will be talking a lot about how we can express our feelings. We will also be starting to think about how others might be feeling, and how we can ensure we build positive relationships.

Communication and Language

This half term, we will be providing many opportunities for our children to widen their vocabulary. Our learning will be focused on cultural traditions and celebrations, so we will be learning lots of new words and phrases linked to these and ensuring the children have lived experiences to support their understanding.

Physical Development

This half term, we are encouraging all our children to become more independent when it comes to getting themselves changed for PE and Forest School – which means getting used to buttons, zips and other fastenings!

Understanding the World

We will have a heavy focus on this area of learning this half term. We will be learning to recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways. We will be discussing how to be respectful of others at special times of celebration.

Expressive Arts and Design

Our budding artists will have plenty of practice when it comes to refining their creative skills this half term. We hope to make our classrooms even more vibrant with our own artwork!

Mathematics

Showing fingers, not growing fingers! This half term, our children will be beginning to master their early number skills and building an understanding of what each number means and looks like.

Literacy

Phonics, phonics, phonics! Over the coming weeks, our children will be starting to put their new decoding skills into practice by reading and writing words that contain the sounds they have been taught.