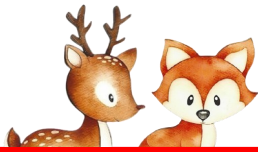




Reception Newsletter



Friday 19th September 2025



Big steps in little shoes!

What a fantastic week of learning!

The children have shown a brilliant enthusiasm to explore and grow their skills in maths, phonics, and English—practising number and letter formation, singing nursery rhymes, and retelling stories in our puppet theatre.

Outdoors, we worked as a team to design and build our own obstacle courses, developing our sharing and cooperation skills.

We also began learning about British Values by taking part in our School Council elections, with more exciting votes happening next week!

Next, we're looking forward to discovering more about nocturnal animals and diving into our new core text, *Peace at Last*.

Best wishes

Please can I remind you that all items of clothing should be clearly labelled with your child's name.

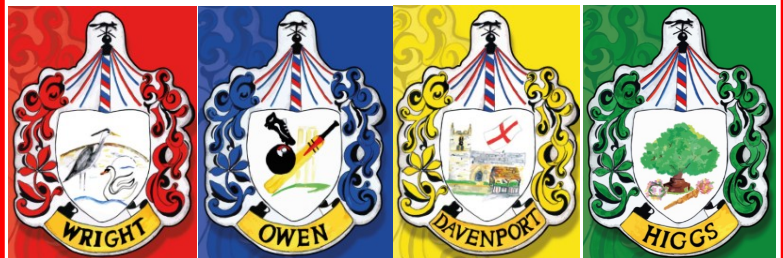
Mr Boxall

Vote & Be Heard: Our British Values in Action

This week, we embraced democracy—one of our core British Values—by voting for our House Captains and School Council class representatives.

For the House Captain elections, we joined the wider school community in our house groups to hear presentations from the Year 6 candidates before casting our votes. In class, we voted for our School Council reps by placing a pom-pom on the photo of the person we felt would best represent us.

Congratulations to Gatsby and Penelope B., who will represent Reception on the School Council!



This activity linked to our Picture News discussions, where we explored the question: Why do we vote? We learned that voting is a way to make decisions together and ensure everyone has a voice. Well done to all the brave candidates who stood for election!



Reporting Absences

If your child is unable to attend school, please ensure you call the school office **between 9:00am and 9:15am** on the day of the absence to inform us.

This helps us keep accurate attendance records and ensures your child's safety is accounted for.

Balancing fun with learning!

This week, we've been busy exploring and creating together! Outside, we worked as a team to design and build our very own car track—full of twists, turns, and teamwork!

We investigated heavy and light objects using scales. We talked about how equal means the same and used blocks to help balance the scales. It was a fun way to learn about weight and comparison!



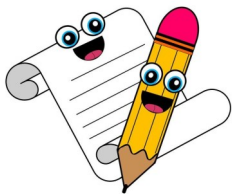
Gather & Give: Our Harvest Mission

We're supporting Birmingham City Mission's Food Bank this harvest season. From Monday 22nd to Friday 26th September, we'll be collecting non-perishable food items.



Please bring your donations to your classroom and place them in the collection box. Every item helps support families in need—thank you for your kindness!

Help us stay connected!



Please ensure your child's data collection sheet is returned so the office can update their records accurately.

This information is essential for keeping our systems up to date and ensuring we can contact you when needed.

Nature Treasures Needed!

We're collecting pine cones and conkers for our upcoming arts and crafts activities.

If you spot any while out and about, please bring them in to share with the class.



Dates for your diary

Monday 6th October
Parents Evening (online)
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 9th October
Nursery & Reception Autumn Assembly
9.00am

Monday 20th October
Parents Evening (online)
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 20th November
Reception Wright House Assembly
9.00am

Friday 5th December
Breakfast with Father Christmas (am)
Children's Christmas Fair (pm)

Thursday 11th December
Reception Christmas Assembly
9.15am

Monday 15th December
Open Evening
3.30pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday 16th December
Nursery & Reception Christmas Party
1.30pm



Shining Stars of the Week!

Congratulations to this week's Reception superstars who received awards in our celebration assembly!

Star of the week: Gatsby
Kindness Award: Elle

