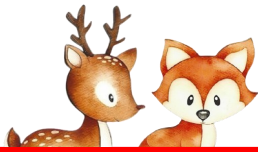




Reception Newsletter



Thursday 23rd October 2025



Little Learners, Big Beginnings!

As we come to the end of our first half term in Reception, I want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud I am of every child.

They have settled into school life with confidence, enthusiasm, and a growing sense of independence.

It's been a joyful few weeks filled with new experiences, friendships, and plenty of learning. Each child has made fantastic progress, and I'm excited to see how they continue to grow and thrive in the second half of the autumn term.

Wishing you all a restful and well-deserved half term break.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 3rd November for more adventures ahead!

Best wishes
Mr Boxall

During the half term break, please take a moment to ensure that **all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

This helps us return lost items quickly and keeps our classroom running smoothly.

Happy Diwali!

Reception have had a truly joyful week celebrating the vibrant festival of Diwali! The children immersed themselves in a range of creative and cultural activities, including making their own beautiful Diya lamps, designing colourful Rangoli patterns, and enjoying the story *The Best Diwali Ever*.

We were especially fortunate to welcome Mrs Rao, one of our wonderful teaching assistants, who shared the origins and traditions of Diwali with the children.

She led us in an energetic and fun Hindu dance session, which was a highlight of the week! Her personal stories and enthusiasm helped bring the festival to life and gave the children a deeper appreciation of its importance to families who celebrate it.

We are incredibly grateful to Mrs Rao for taking the time to share her culture and traditions with us—it was a truly special experience for everyone.



Festival of Light Sparks Learning!

Building on our celebrations of Diwali, also known as The Festival of Light, we explored what happens when light is blocked and discovered the magic of shadows!

This linked beautifully to our learning about day and night, supported by our key text Peace at Last. With the sunshine making a surprise appearance, we headed outside to investigate shadows in action. Working in pairs, the children used chalk to draw around each other's shadows, creating a colourful gallery of outlines across the playground.

It was a wonderful way to combine science, storytelling, and creativity—all inspired by the light-filled celebration of Diwali!



Zooming In!

As part of our Understanding the World learning, Reception discovered that the United Kingdom is made up of four countries, each with its own national flower.

Using Google Earth, we zoomed out to view our planet, then explored each country before locating our school.

This sparked discussions about map and globe features—such as blue representing water and green representing land—which inspired the children to create their own map of the UK for our classroom display.



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 12th November

Odd Socks Day

Friday 14th November

Children In Need

Thursday 20th November

Reception Wright House Assembly: 9.00am

Flu Vaccinations (see school office email)

Friday 21st November

Year 5 Cake Sale

Shining Stars of the Week!

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

Star of the week: Willa
Kindness Award: Reuben