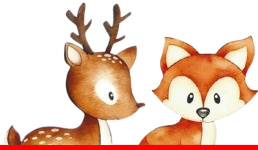




Reception Newsletter



Friday 7th November 2025



Welcome Back!

Reception have returned full of confidence and enthusiasm, ready to continue their learning journey. I have already seen a wonderful love of learning, determination, and perseverance from all the children and I couldn't be prouder!

This half term is one of the most magical as we head towards Christmas, with lots of exciting events planned.

Events such as our festive Winter Festival, Breakfast with Santa, the much-anticipated Nativity performance, and a special theatre trip to see *The Tiger Who Came to Tea*.

To make sure you don't miss any of these special moments, please remember to read the main school newsletter from Mrs Leeman each week. These include key dates for your diary, important reminders, and updates on all the exciting things happening in Reception.

I can't wait to welcome you in at our Open Evening later this term to celebrate all the fantastic progress and creativity your children have shown.

Best wishes
Mr Boxall

What Do You See?

What do you see? A big mess? Chaos?

We see learning, imagination, and teamwork in action!

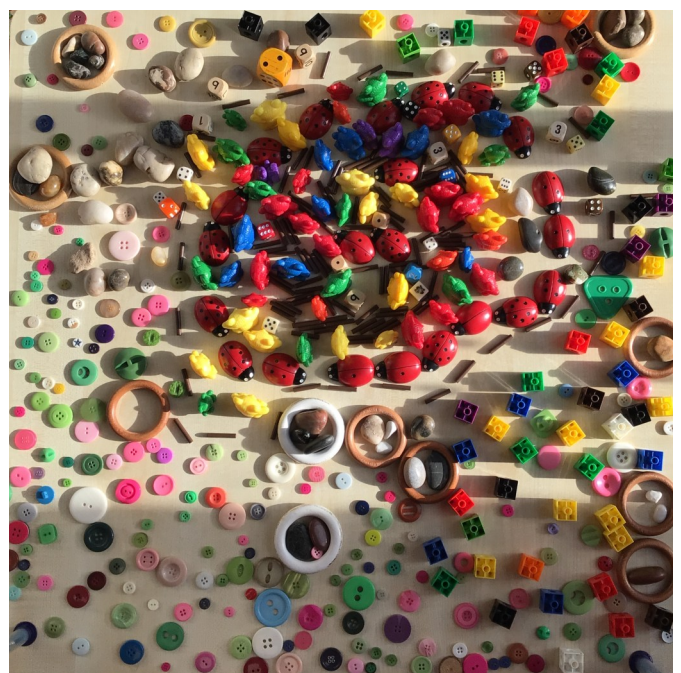
This week, the children have been busy creating forest scenes using colourful maths equipment—buttons, multilink cubes, sorting bears, rulers, and sand timers. What might look like a jumble of bits and pieces is actually a world full of sorting, comparing, building, and storytelling.

Children sorted bears by colour and size, used cubes to build trees and houses, and turned rulers into slides for forest creatures. Through all this, they explored key maths concepts like counting, measuring, and positioning—all while having a brilliant time.

As they played, children took turns, listened to each other's ideas, and worked together to bring their forest scenes to life. These moments are wonderful examples of Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED)—learning how to share, co-operate, and build positive relationships.

Children described their creations using words like “longer,” “shorter,” “more,” “less,” “next to,” and “on top.” They asked questions, explained their thinking, and built confidence in expressing themselves supporting Communication and Language development too.

So next time you see a busy scene, look a little closer—you might just spot some amazing learning happening right before your eyes!



Lighting Up Learning

Reception have loved exploring Bonfire Night this week! After sharing their own firework experiences, the children learned about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate this tradition.

Their ideas sparked creativity as they made colourful firework pictures using chalk on black paper, exploring new ways to mark make. They also developed their fine motor skills by twisting sparkly pipe cleaners into their own dazzling firework designs—combining history, art, and hands-on learning in a fun and meaningful way!



Autumn Adventures

Reception have been making the most of the autumn season with lots of exciting outdoor learning.

One of their favourite activities has been balancing conkers on a spider web! Using tweezers to carefully pick up each conker, the children tested which ones stayed balanced and which fell off.

They asked thoughtful questions like “Is it too big?” or “Is it too heavy?”—using early mathematical and scientific language to explore and compare.

This activity has supported so many areas of learning. The children developed their fine motor skills through careful handling of the tweezers, built their language and communication by discussing their ideas, and showed wonderful teamwork as they took turns and shared resources.

They also continue to understand concepts like size, weight, and balance—laying strong foundations for future learning in maths and science.



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: Bowie
Perseverance Award: Elouise