



Reception Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024

Edition 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to all our new parents and a welcome back to those returning to our school community! We hope you find the following information helpful as it provides important details about the activities and events planned for Reception this half term.

As we embark on this exciting new academic year, we look forward to working closely with you and your child. We hope you had a restful, safe, and enjoyable summer break. Reception is a key milestone in your child's learning journey, and we are thrilled to support them as they take their first steps into school life.

Best wishes,
The Reception Team



Welcome!

We are really enjoying getting to know our new classes. The children are settling really well into Reception and we are extremely pleased with how they are adapting to a full day. By the end of the day there are certainly a lot of tired children (and staff!).

This half term our topics are Nursery Rhymes and All About Me, thinking about how we are feeling about a new start, friendships and celebrating similarities and differences between us all.



Home learning

In Reception the children will be given home learning each week starting soon. The children will be expected to complete these tasks and evidence should be uploaded via Google Classroom (a photo). Each week we will provide the children with a short task to complete, these will be either phonics, maths or topic based to help support their learning from the week. The children will normally have a week to complete this task and it will be uploaded every Friday. Your child's class teacher will write a comment on the piece of home learning for you and your child to see.

Every half term you will be given some information and suggested activities based on the topics we will be focussing on. If you choose to complete the activities with the children, feel free to upload them on google classroom. This will start after half term.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their uniform. Please ensure all uniform is named along with their water bottle and book bag. **Please also send in a change of clothes (named) in a non-plastic bag, including a change of underwear and a pair of shoes. A pair of wellies will also be beneficial for going outside when it is raining or wet.**

PE

Children in Reception are very active every day and will be participating in some PE lessons but they do not need to have a formal kit until the summer term. We will let you know when we need P.E. kit to be brought into school.

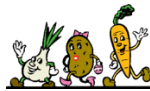
Coats

Please make sure your child comes to school in an appropriate coat (waterproof for a rainy day, warm enough for winter, etc.). Please also help them to be independent when putting on and fastening up their coat as it saves time at school and the children feel very proud of themselves when they can do these things for themselves!



Canteen

The children are now experiencing the canteen for the first time. We do our best to help settle them into this new routine but it can be a little overwhelming for some. Please help your child by teaching them how to use a knife and fork by themselves. This is also part of an Early Learning Goal to be achieved in Reception. If your child is not a confident eater, we have plenty of incentives to encourage them in school. Hopefully, when they see their friend eating foods they don't like, they will want to as well!



School Milk

If your child would like milk in school please contact <https://www.coolmilk.com/>. It is free up until your child is 5. Unfortunately, we cannot provide milk to your child unless you register for them for it.

Reading Books

Your child will receive a phonic book and a shared reading book from the library later in the half term. These will be sent home on a Friday and must be returned to school on the following Tuesday. Your child will also have a reading record in which the title of their books are written in. **Please hear your child read every day and always sign when you have heard them read. Please make sure the reading record is signed by every Tuesday.**

Reception Stairs

When dropping off and picking up your child, please ensure that you stay off the stairs and keep them clear to allow children to enter and exit the classroom safely. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment. Thank you!

Contact

If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the school office or talk to the teacher on the door. You can also email the teachers via the year group email: reception@ladybankes.school and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

After school: Please do not let your child play with the equipment in the playground after or before school.

We look forward to a fantastic year with your children.



Dates to remember:

Date	Event
Tuesday 17 th September	Welcome to Reception & Little Wandle Phonics (phonics)meeting for parents at 8:45am.
Wednesday 2 nd October	Individual and family photos
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening (3.30pm-7.30pm)
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evening (3.30pm-5.30pm)
Friday 25 th October	Training Day (No School)
Monday 28 th October - Friday 1 st November	Half term
Friday 29 th November	FOLBA Christmas Fair
Monday 16 th December	EYFS Christmas Show 9am
Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS Christmas Show 9am
Wednesday 18 th December	EYFS Christmas Show 1:30pm
Friday 20 th December	End of Term (pick up at 2pm)

Don't forget to keep checking on our school X page, for photographs of school activities and sporting events that take place this year.



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