

St Joseph's



Reception Newsletter

5th June 2026

What a busy and fun-filled first week back! Our 'Big Wide World' week was a huge success! The children will have lots to talk about over the coming weeks and have made many wonderful memories!

In our new topic, 'Big Wide World', your child will find out about the world in which they live. They will learn about different climates and explore a range of habitats, including the plants and animals (flora and fauna) that live there. They will locate the United Kingdom on a world map and compare life in the United Kingdom with life elsewhere. They will also learn about caring for their environment, both locally and beyond.

Supporting your child at home:

- Use [Google Earth](#) to explore where you live and look up places you would like to visit.
- Talk about places around the world you have visited, or places that family members or friends live. Look at the places on a map and talk about ways to travel.
- If you go on holiday, send a postcard to show where you went.

Snack Time Patterns

What to do: Use fruit slices, crackers, or cereal pieces to make edible patterns.

Learning focus: Identify the repeating unit and describe it in words (e.g., "banana-grape-grape").

Extension: Ask them to change one element and see how it affects the rule.

Movement & Sound Patterns

What to do: Create a clapping, stomping, or jumping sequence (e.g., clap-clap-jump).

Learning focus: Recognise patterns in actions, not just objects.

Extension: Let your child invent a movement pattern for you to copy.

Pattern Rule Challenge

What to do: Give a completed pattern and ask, "What's the rule?"

Learning focus: Move from just copying to describing the rule (e.g., "It goes big-small-small").

Extension: Ask them to make a "trick" pattern with a hidden rule for you to guess.



Phonics

Please continue to use the Home Learning Support booklets to further progress your child's learning.

Our Star Poem

Brilliant things 

Running free.

Blowing bubbles.

Dance with glee.

Stamp in puddles.

Into my shoes
the water goes.

Now I've got
squelchy toes!

Information:



Family Lives offers a confidential and free* helpline service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parent line). Please call us on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. If you don't get an answer first time please do try again.



Active Week and Health Eating Week	8th – 12th June
Sports Morning (Picnic on the field)	12th June - 9am -1pm
Father's Day EYFS Assembly	19th June - 2:15pm

wish list

We always require tissues and wipes, so any donations would be greatly appreciated – thank you!



Homework to prepare for Active Week

Homework set on Thursday 21st May

Must be ready for w/c 8th June



The Task

You need to prepare a 2-3 minute speech that you will deliver to your class during Active Week.

The speech needs to be about one of the following:

- A sport you take part in
- A sport you enjoy watching
- A famous sporting person

A sport that you think you would be interested in doing



Active Week – Speech Assembly

One person from each class will be chosen to perform their speech during Active Week Speech Assembly

Monday 15th June.

Parents of the children performing will be invited to assembly and there will be prizes for the winners.

What you can and can't do:

- You can bring in pictures and props to support you with your speech.
- You can make notes and refer to them – but you must not just read them.
- No PowerPoints or technology.

Remember it is a speech – not a demonstration of the sport!



Here are a few links to support your children's learning at home.

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/policy-and-campaigns/home-learning-environment/small-talk/>

<http://www.wordsforlife.org.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

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The children found it impossible to choose a favourite part of our Big Wide World week—they truly enjoyed every moment! A huge thank you to all the volunteers who supported our school trip to Black Park, and a special shout-out to the wonderful grandparents who joined us for planting day. We are incredibly grateful for your continued support.

We hope you have a lovely and restful weekend.
The Reception Team