

St Joseph's



Reception Newsletter

What a lovely last week of term! The children have been very excited about our 4 butterflies. They have been busy doing lots of independent writing and some fantastic sharing. We cannot believe that we just have a half term left in Reception!

Next term we start a 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 habitats, including their flora and fauna. 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 school to show where you went.

1 - Colour & Shape Patterns with Everyday Objects

Use LEGO bricks, buttons, beads, or even fruit slices.

Start with a simple ABAB pattern (e.g., red–blue–red–blue) and gradually introduce more complex ones like ABCABC.

Encourage your child to continue the pattern or create their own.

2 - Movement & Sound Patterns

Create a pattern using claps, jumps, and stomps (e.g., clap–jump–clap–jump).

Add variety with sounds like “tap–tap–whoosh” or “hum–click–hum–click.”

Great for kinesthetic learners and burning off energy indoors.

3- Nature Pattern Hunt

Go outside and collect leaves, sticks, and stones.

Arrange them in patterns (leaf–stick–stone–leaf–stick–stone).

Take photos of patterns you spot in nature (like flower petals or fence posts) and discuss them.



Phonics

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

Our Star Poem

Talking to animals

Breathe to a bat.
Whisper to a wasp.
Hum to a hedgehog.
Murmur to a moth.

Mutter to a mole.
Mumble to a moose.
Chirp to a chicken.
Giggle to a goose.

Shout to a sheepdog.
Call to a cat.
Sing to a seal.
Yell to a yak.

Screech to a seagull.
Howl to a hare.
Roar to a rhino,
Bellow to a bear!

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	8 th – 12 th June
Sports morning (Picnic on the field)	12 th June 9am -1pm
Father's Day EYFS Assembly	19 th June 2:15pm

We would love some bedding plants for the children to plant in the first week back after half term. We would be grateful for any donations.

wish list

If you are away on a break or holiday over the half term can you please bring back a postcard from your destination.



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!



EYFS Big Wide World Week Events

Monday 1st June

Bring a book about the world to share

Tuesday 2nd June

EYFS School trip to Black Park

Wednesday 3rd June

Little City visit

Thursday 4th June 2:30pm

Grandparents Allotment Afternoon

Friday 5th June

Year one Chat and Play

Bring a Book About the World

Children are invited to bring in a story set in another country or a fact book to share with their peers. This event is for Preschool and Reception. Preschool children who do not attend on a Monday may bring their book to another session.

School Trip

This trip is for all Reception children and children due to start Reception in September 2026. Please note that Preschool will be closed on this day.

Little City

This session is open to all Preschool and Reception children. If your child does not usually attend Preschool on this day, you are welcome to attend with them from 9:00-9:50am.

Grandparents Allotment Afternoon – 2:30pm

Grandparents are invited to garden with their grandchild. If your child does not attend Preschool on a Thursday and would like to attend with their grandparent, please speak to Mrs Pugsley.

Year 1 and Reception Chat and Play

Preschool and Reception children will spend time with children in Year 1 to talk and play as part of our transition programme. Children who do not attend on this day will have another opportunity at a later date.

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>



The children have had a fun and fantastic last week of the half term! They have been investigating sharing in Maths and, shadows and reflections in topic lessons. We have seen them grow a lot in confidence in their abilities and it is a pleasure to see.

