Reception Newsletter - Autumn Term 2026

We would like to welcome everyone to Reception. We would especially like to welcome all the new children and parents starting at Fairfields for the first time.

We invite the children into class between 8.55am and 9.00am. It is important that your child arrives on time because the register must be completed before we start our first teaching session. If you arrive after 9.00am please take your child to the school office.

Collecting your child
The children finish the afternoon session at 3.25pm.
Please wait at the bottom gate until it is unlocked. It is preferable that **younger children are collected first before their older siblings**; we find that this is less stressful for the children.
Please remember: It is very important to let us know if someone different is picking your child up. You must always inform us in writing or with a message via the office. Remembering to give us this information will save any embarrassing situations and will keep your child safe.

Uniform
We would also like to remind you that your child should have the appropriate school uniform, which **must** be labelled with their full name. If you are unsure about any aspects of the uniform, please refer to the Uniform Policy on the school website or ask in the office.
Please note: jewellery of any kind is not allowed to be worn, **including earrings. If your child has pierced ears then flat spacer earrings are permitted.** Hair accessories must be school regulation colours and should not be oversized.

Curriculum
We have a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum that meets children's learning needs and works progressively towards their Early Learning Goals. You can find more detailed information about our curriculum on our school website.

During this term, the children will be following the topics of 'Ourselves', 'Autumn' and 'Festivals and Celebrations'. Further information about weekly topics can also be found on the school website and in our weekly parent information sheets, which are also on our website.

The children will be introduced to reading and writing, initially through books without words. As they become more confident they will then progress through the school's reading and phonic scheme – Little Wandle. You can find lots more information on reading and phonics on our website.

We will also begin to understand and work with number, shape and measure in maths using White Rose learning materials in daily sessions.
At the end of their Reception year, we assess your children and decide if they have met a set of Early Learning Goals in different areas of learning.

School Lunches
You will need to pre order your child's school lunch in advance through Relish. Please be aware that you will need to have registered any food allergies, intolerances or other dietary requirements with school so that the menu choices available to your child reflect their individual needs.

Outdoor play
As part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum we provide your child with the opportunity to investigate our outside areas, accessing a variety of activities in the natural environment as part of their learning. Therefore, it is important that you provide your child with a warm waterproof jacket every day plus hats, gloves and scarves if it is cold**.** We all go out every day in all weathers!

We are happy to speak with you about any issues you may wish to raise. We are always happy to make an appointment to see you. Please visit our school website regularly to encourage and support your child at home.
We hope you have a very happy year with us in Reception.

Thank you for your support.
Mrs Smith, Miss Bates and Mrs Zacharia