# Reception Newsletter: 2.5.25



Welcome back for

#### SUMMER TERM

A warm welcome back from the Reception Team, we hope that you have all enjoyed a wonderful Easter break spending time with family and friends. The children have loved sharing their holiday news this week and have been very excited to catch up with their friends. Thank you for your support in helping your child to record

their news in their Weekly Journals, these have been a pleasure to read. We will be collecting these in again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

We've been making the most of the sunny weather this week! Thank you for ensuring your child has a labelled sunhat or cap to keep them protected during outdoor play. To help them stay safe and comfortable, please also remember to:

- Apply an all-day sunscreen before school that does not contain nut oils. As a nut-free school, we must protect children with allergies. Sunscreen should not be brought into school for staff to apply.
- Take any necessary precautions for pollen allergies and speak with your class teacher if you haven't already done so.
- Ensure your child brings a water bottle every day to stay hydrated.

Thank you for your support!

This week in talk time, we've been thinking about 'Where I live' and exploring the different types of homes people call their own. The children responded by drawing images in answer to:

- What type of home do I live in?
- What is special about my home?
- What kind of home would I like to live in in the future?

In addition, as part of our 'Relationships' PSHE focus this term, we've been learning about the roles within our families. Through discussions, children have identified the ways they contribute at home and how each family member plays an important role. This has helped to build a sense of responsibility, teamwork, and appreciation for family life.



Our after-school club for Gymnastics and Sporty Sports went exceptionally well! The children listened attentively, followed instructions, and demonstrated wonderful resilience and perseverance. Please note that the collection point for gymnastics has now moved from the school office to the reception gate at 4:20 pm. If your child is no longer able to attend, please inform the office as soon as possible, as we have waiting lists for both clubs.





On Friday, we welcomed visitors from the NHS who spoke to the children about the importance of handwashing. They began with a discussion in each class, highlighting why proper hand hygiene matters. The session then became interactive, as the children used a special ultraviolet-sensitive cream to reveal "unseen germs." When the UV torch was shone on their hands, the hidden germs became visible, reinforcing the need for thorough washing. After washing their hands, the torch was used again to check for any remaining germs. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and behaved beautifully.

# Important diary dates and information

- 5.5.25 No gymnastics after school club due to the Bank holiday
- 7.4.25 Sporty Games Club (2 of 4 sessions)
- 13.5.25 Collect in the 'My Weekly Journals'.
- 23.5.25 Teacher Training Day
- 26.5.25 30.5.25 Half term
- 2.6.25 Return to school.

### Reminders

- Children are not permitted to ride scooters or bikes on the playground. Please ensure your child dismounts their bike/ scooter once through the school gates and push the bike/ scooter to the bike hut.
- Please remember to leave your child's reading folder in their bookbag each day. Monday and Fridays are book changing days, but we do read with your children through the week.

#### Have a wonderful Bank Holiday weekend.



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