



Reception Newsletter: 20.6.25



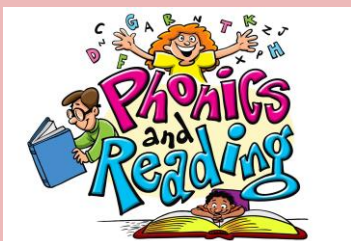
It's been a wonderfully sporty week! The children were absolutely brilliant on Sports Day—they shone with enthusiasm, teamwork, and true sportsmanship. Thank you so much for joining us and cheering them on during such a lovely afternoon. They really did us proud!

Throughout the week, we've been keeping active in all sorts of ways—from impromptu wake-up shake-ups to our mile-a-day runs. On Friday, we were also lucky enough to welcome a visiting athlete to school, Mica McNeil, a British Bobsledder who has represented our country in the Winter Olympics. Mica is from Durham and spoke with such pride, inspiring the children by sharing her achievements and the stamina, perseverance, and determination it took to reach them. The children also took part in an exciting sports activity challenge with Mica that morning—it was brilliant fun, packed with energy and plenty of challenges to overcome!



We're all feeling very excited about our upcoming trip to White House Farm! The current forecast for Monday looks warm and clear of rain; however this may change over the weekend so please remember to check the forecast again on Sunday. If there is no change in the weather, the children may be more comfortable coming in their PE kits for the day, including a school jumper/ cardigan (please make sure these are clearly labelled). Please also remember to apply an all-day sunscreen before school and send your child with a sunhat or cap for extra protection. The children won't need their bookbags on Monday but they will need a water bottle to stay hydrated. Packed lunches will be provided. If you've opted to send your own, please remember we are a *nut-free school*—thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

Please aim to arrive promptly on Monday morning so that children have time to use the toilet and get ready for our 9.15am coach departure. If you have been selected to help support the trip, please come to the school office at 8.55am so we can share risk assessments, talk through the day's agenda, and assign groups (we'll be staying with our classes throughout the visit). We will then meet you at the farm for approximately 10am where there will be two guides from White House Farm to greet us. Thank you again for car sharing.



We've completed our phonics assessments this week to ensure each child is reading at a pace and level that supports their progress and helps them feel confident and successful. The children did so well—we're incredibly proud of how far they've come since September!

Thank you for your continued support at home. Sharing books together, talking about stories, and hearing your child read aloud all make such a big difference. It's a wonderful way to build fluency, deepen understanding, and foster a lifelong love of reading. To help the children feel confident in their transition to Year 1, we're focusing on ensuring they can read and spell the following tricky words. These words can't be sounded out using phonics alone, so they need to be learned by sight and memory. The tricky words: **a I the no so go to do he be me she we.**

Important diary dates and information

23.6.25	Trip to Whitehouse Farm
27.6.25	New to Year 1 meeting 9am
27.6.25	Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a chocolate tombola donation.
1.7.25	Year 1 'open classroom' visit 3.30-5.30pm
4.7.25	Summer Fair 3.30pm

Reminders

- **'Orange' Rainbow Raffle Donations:** The Friends of Southridge are collecting donations of orange-themed items from Reception for the Summer Fair's Rainbow Raffle. Any contributions, big or small, are greatly appreciated and will help make the event a success. Thank you for your support.
- Please ensure your child has a sunhat and that long-lasting sunscreen is applied before school to keep them protected throughout the day. Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend!



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