



## Reception Newsletter: 12.9.25



A huge warm welcome to Reception! What a wonderful two weeks we have all enjoyed.

The children have been shining stars and we are very excited about our learning journey ahead! Our main priority at the start of the autumn term is to support the children to settle and feel happy in their new school environment. It can be very tricky getting to know the different rules and routines, meeting new adults, making friends and managing the various transitions across the school day. The children should be very proud of how well they have begun to settle into Reception life, they have made an excellent impression. We have enjoyed listening to stories, exploring our new classroom and the outdoors space, getting to know the different rules and routines, and making new friendships.

The Reception newsletter is shared via email every Friday and accessible on the school website. It is a great way of letting you know what we have been up to that week, ideas to support the children's learning in school and at home, as well as sharing important diary dates. Please remember to let the school office know of any changes to email addresses to ensure you continue to receive the newsletter. You can also speak to a member of the Reception Team on the school gate for a quick response to a question or pass on a request.



How can I talk to my child's class teacher?

You can speak to a member of the Reception Team on the school gate for a quick response to a question or pass on any information. However, if you require more time, please let the Reception Team know and we will be more than happy to organise a separate meeting before or after school with your class teacher.

### School dinners:

The children have been brilliant going for lunch in the dinner hall this week and trying the different school dinners for the first time. Transitions and change can be tricky to understand or manage when you are only 4 or 5 years old but the children have had fun pretending that they are going for lunch in a café. Lunchtime also provides a lovely opportunity to socialise with old and new friends, practise their listening and attention skills, and develop fine motor skills to manage the different cutlery. The children have also enjoyed getting to know Fran and Karen, our wonderful dinner staff, who help look after and support both Reception classes.

We would appreciate your support by talking through the lunch options with the children either the night before school or in the morning so they can make a suitable lunch choice at morning registration. The lunch menus rotate on a 3-weekly cycle and it will be week 3 next week. The menu's can be found on the school website [Southridge First School - School Dinners](#)

### **School Photographs**

Please note that next Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> September, Tempest Photography will be coming to school to take the children's official school photo. Please ensure your child come to school in their full school uniform for their photo.

### **Important diary dates and information**

16.9.25 - Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday to take your child's school photo.

19.9.25 - Mitochondrial Awareness Day. Please come to school wearing something green and bring a small donation for the Lily Foundation (see email from the school office)

26.9.25 - European Day of Languages

13.10.25 and 14.10.25 - Parents meetings (further information to follow from the school office)

w/c 27.10.25 Half term

#### **Volunteers:**

We are hoping to take the children on their first school trip, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, for a lovely walk along the Red House Ramble, a lovely nature walk just behind the school. We would leave school just after 9am and aim to be back to school before 11.30am. If you think you will be able to help, please advise a member of the Reception Team. Please note that these events can only take place with the correct ratio of adults to children.

#### **Reminders:**

- Please bring in any wetsuit and wellies if you have not already done so.
- PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday each week.
- With many children bringing identical or very similar school bags, it can be tricky for them to spot their own at the end of the day. A small key ring can be a good way to help—just something distinctive enough for your child to recognise, but not too large as this can cause the bags to get tangled and take up valuable space in their shared baskets.
- We know that the transition from home to school can feel a little daunting, and it's natural for children to seek comfort during this time. Recently, we've noticed a few toys making their way into school bags. While we understand the sentiment, we kindly ask that toys stay at home. They can easily be lost or damaged, which often leads to upset. Thank you for helping us create a calm and focused environment for all our children.

Have a wonderful weekend  
Take care, The Reception Team 😊