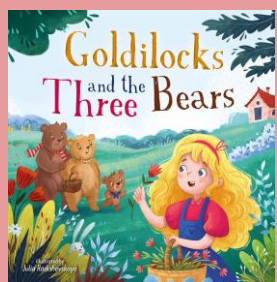


## Reception Newsletter: 19.9.25



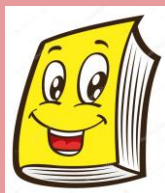
We've had a fantastic week in Reception, with the children truly shining! Despite the unpredictable weather, we've made the most of our outdoor time. The children have loved using the den-building equipment—working together, solving problems, and creating all sorts of imaginative structures.

They've also wowed us with magical performances on the outdoor stage, entertaining their classmates with confidence and flair. Looking ahead, we've got plenty of exciting activities planned, including messy paint play and science-inspired art experiments in the water area. To help your child enjoy these fully, please ensure they bring their wetsuit and wellies to school.



We've loved diving into the classic tale of *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. It's sparked wonderful conversations about our own homes and families—celebrating how each one is unique and special, yet all connected by love.

The children have had a wonderful time bringing *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* to life. They've acted out the story, imagined new endings where Goldilocks becomes friends with the bears and shared their ideas through drawing and storytelling. In the block area, they've worked together to build scenes from the story, designing their own versions of the bears' house through imaginative and collaborative play.



Next week, we'll be sending home the Home Learning Journals we spoke about during the 'Meet the Teacher' meeting in the summer term. These journals are a lovely way to celebrate your child's experiences outside of school—whether it's weekend adventures, holiday highlights, or any extracurricular achievements.

You can support your child in recording these moments through photos, drawings, writing, or mark making. Entries don't need to be long—just a small snapshot, no more than a page, is perfect. We'll collect the journals every other Monday so that children can share their news with their friends. This is a rich and meaningful opportunity that supports key areas of Early Years learning, including language and communication, and personal, social and emotional development (PSED). Thank you for helping us make this a joyful and inclusive part of your child's learning journey.

### phonics



Over the past two weeks, we've been helping children get ready for phonics through fun listening games, attention-building activities, and fine motor play. Next week, we'll begin introducing new sounds and sending them home to practise sounding out and writing.

We'd love to invite you into school at 5pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to learn how best to support your child's early reading journey. At this session, we'll share practical ideas and talk about how we can work together to build strong foundations for reading and learning.

## Important diary dates and information

### Dates:

26.9.25 - European Day of Languages

20.10.25 - Parent meeting/ workshop at 5pm in the school hall to learn about supporting the children at home with phonics

7.10.25 - Red House Ramble Walk

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:

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who've kindly offered their support for Reception trips this year—it's truly appreciated.

Our next outing is the **Red House Ramble**, a morning walk planned for **Tuesday 7th October**. To make this special experience possible, we're still in need of a few more volunteers. If you're available to help that morning, please let the Reception Team know as soon as possible. Your support makes all the difference.

### Reminders:

- Please bring in any wetsuit and wellies if you have not already done so.
- Please label your child's school uniform. It is also important to label school shoes and trainers.
- We'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to go through the school menu with your child before they arrive each morning. This helps them feel confident and ready to make their lunch choice when they get to school, and it makes the start of the day run more smoothly for everyone.

Thank you for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend  
Take care, The Reception Team 😊