



Caterpillars and Butterflies

Our EYFS children have been full of excitement as we welcomed our new caterpillars into the classroom! We have loved observing them closely and watching them grow day by day, which has inspired lots of wonderful learning opportunities. The children have enjoyed writing about the caterpillars, thinking of creative names for the butterflies when they emerge, and carefully recording what they can see. They have been using their independent writing skills brilliantly—saying their sentences out loud, using Fred Fingers to segment words, and taking care with letter formation, finger spaces, and full stops. This is a fantastic combination of early writing skills in action! Inspired by our non-fiction books about butterflies, the children have also begun creating their own information books, using their knowledge of the caterpillar life cycle.

In our art area, both indoors and outdoors, we have also been exploring symmetry and doubling by using paint to create beautiful symmetrical butterfly wings, linking our creative work to our topic. Alongside this, the children have been busy building bug houses and using the small world area to create imaginative stories, bringing their learning to life through play.



Stephenson Railway Museum trip 8th May 2026

We were very excited about our trip to Stephenson Railway Museum next week!

Please ensure your child wears their school uniform, PE trainers and a warm, showerproof coat as we will be outside for part of the trip.

If you requested a school packed lunch, this will be provided for your child on the day from the school kitchen. If not, please remember to send your child with a packed lunch, ideally in a disposable bag that can be thrown away along with any rubbish. (please remember no nuts).

Please ensure your child arrives at school promptly so our we have plenty of time to register everyone and check that we have everything we need before boarding the coach.

Thank you to all the parents who are supporting us on the Stephenson Railway museum trip - we really appreciate your help. Please can all volunteers meet at school at 9am for a quick briefing before we head off to the museum.

We are very much looking forward to another fun and memorable day!



Safe in the sun

As the weather begins to change and we move closer to summer, we kindly ask for your support in helping us keep the children safe in the sun. Please ensure that 'all day' sun cream is applied to your child before they come to school, as due to allergies and safeguarding reasons, staff are unable to apply sun cream during the school day. Children must bring a labelled sun hat to school, which can be kept in their bag ready for sunnier days, especially as we spend time outdoors during our learning.

As ever, we also need to be prepared for the ever-changing British weather, so please remember to send your child with a named summer coat each day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Important diary dates and information

4.5.26- Bank holiday Monday

5.5.26- 8.5.26- Whole school DT STEM week.

8.5.26- Reception Stephenson Steam Railway Museum trip

21.5.26- School closes for May Half term holiday

22.5.26- Teacher training day

16.6.26- Reception Sports Day 2-3pm

Reminders:

- **Home learning Journals-** Thank you for all the lovely journal entries this week. We will be collecting the journals in on Tuesday 5th May.
- **Reading folders-** Please ensure your child's reading folder is in their book bag every day. We change books usually on a Monday and Friday, but we sometimes get a chance to read with your child through the week too. **Please can we remind parents/ carers to record in their child's journal when you have read with your child at home too.**
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- **Labelling items of clothing-** Please can you ensure all items of clothing including hats, shoes, jumpers/cardigans and coats are labelled clearly with your child's name.
- **Cool Milk.** Please remember that your child/ children are not eligible for free school milk after their 5th birthday. If you would like your child to continue having milk at school, you must contact Cool Milk directly at least two weeks before their birthday.



Have a lovely weekend.

The Reception Team 😊