



Reception Farewell



A Heartfelt Thank You and Goodbye to Our Wonderful Reception Families.

As we come to the end of another fantastic year in Reception, we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you and a fond goodbye to all of our wonderful children and families.

What an incredible year it has been! We have absolutely loved every moment of getting to know your children and watching them grow and flourish. It seems like only yesterday that they arrived in September as tiny, nervous Reception children, and now they leave us as confident, creative, independent and unique individuals, ready for their exciting journey into Year 1.

We are so proud of everything the children have achieved this year. When we look back, we honestly can't believe how much we have squeezed into one school year! From our Red House Ramble, exciting farm trip, amazing day at the Railway Museum, and our adventures with Rockpool School, to our fantastic Christmas performance and wonderful Spring Show, we have made so many special memories together. We have loved exploring the beauty of Autumn, having fun in the snow and sunshine, learning how things grow and change through caring for our plants and watching our butterflies, and finishing the year by exploring different countries and cultures and comparing them to our own local area. We have also enjoyed welcoming parents and carers into school for our parent workshops and for sharing their dreams, goals and careers with us. The children loved hearing about the different jobs people do and it sparked lots of conversations about what they might like to be when they grow up! It has been a year packed full of adventures, learning, laughter and unforgettable experiences, and we feel so lucky to have shared them all together. Along the way, the children have developed so many new skills. They have learnt to read and write, to subitise, count and understand numbers to 10 and beyond, both inside and outside the classroom. They have challenged themselves, worked hard and shown determination every step of the way.

One of the greatest joys has been watching the children's imaginations come to life through their play. We have seen talented engineers, artists, café and restaurant workers, musicians, dancers, scientists, explorers and so much more. Their creativity, curiosity and enthusiasm have been truly inspiring.

Just as importantly, the children have grown into kind, caring and thoughtful members of our school community. They have formed wonderful friendships and learnt how to be respectful, polite, sensible, caring and confident communicators. Through our whole-school core values, they have become fantastic listeners, speakers and adventurous outdoor learners.

Each and every child has made a hugely positive impact on our school, our community, their families and all of the adults who have had the privilege of watching them grow. They have made us laugh, made us proud and made this year incredibly special.

To our reception children: thank you for all of the memories, smiles, adventures and achievements you have shared with us. We will miss every single one of you, but we cannot wait to watch you continue to thrive as you move through Southridge First School. Never stop being curious, kind, creative and uniquely you.

To all of our families and carers: thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. We truly could not have done it without you. Thank you for trusting us with your wonderful children and for supporting them every step of the way. Just look at the incredible young people they have become!

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of the amazing staff and volunteers who have supported our Reception children throughout the year. From classroom staff and teaching assistants to office staff, lunchtime supervisors, visitors and volunteers, so many people have helped to make this year such a special one. Your kindness, enthusiasm, patience and support have helped our children to grow in confidence and flourish every day. We are incredibly grateful for everything you have done and for the positive impact you have had on the children's learning and happiness.

We wish you all a fantastic summer holiday filled with fun, laughter and special memories. Please don't forget to come and say hello whenever you are passing—we would love to hear how you are all getting on.

Have a wonderful summer and good luck in Year 1!



**With love and best wishes,
The Reception Team 😊**

Important diary dates and information

17.7.26- School closes for summer Holidays

1.9.26- Teacher training day

2.9.26- First day of Year 1 😊

Year 1 Transition Booklet

We have sent home a **Year 1 Transition Booklet** for the children to enjoy over the summer holidays. It's a lovely way for them to get to know a little more about Year 1 and feel excited about their next adventure!

We'd love you to spend some time looking through it together and chatting about what Year 1 will be like. If your child has any questions or worries, these conversations can really help to build their confidence and make the move to Year 1 feel a little less daunting. We know they're going to be amazing!



Have a wonderful Summer

The Reception Team 😊