

THE SCOOP

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Reception

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Reception Diary Dates Reminder—please see **Diary dates for 2023-24 for all whole school events**

PARENTS EVENING

November

Mon 6th Start of Term 2, **back to school for all pupils**

PLEASE BRING WELLIES IN FOR WEEK 1 (Class 1 & 2)

Mon 13th-Fri 17th World Nursery Rhyme Week

Thurs 16th Reception Welcome Service at Pip and Jim's. Children will also be performing our nursery rhymes (Parents invited)

Mon 20th-Fri 24th Whole School DT week

Reception Parents Evenings

Tue 21st (3:30-7pm) - in person and **Wed 22nd (3:30-5:30pm)** - online, Reception Parents' Evening (please see whole school letter/email)

December

Tue 12th Reception Nativity 2-2:30pm

Wed 20th Whole school **Pan-in school** (more details will follow)

OCTOBER HALF TERM!



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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please check that all your child's belongings are **NAMED**—including pre-loved jumpers/cardigans. It's the only way we can get lost items back to you! Also, if they are named with older siblings names, it is helpful if this could be changed so we can practise recognising our own names. We also have a number of water bottles that we would like to return to their owners.



We've made it... half term is finally here and we wanted to say another **huge WELL DONE** to all of our children for settling into school so well this term. It's been a long term and they have all been amazing, getting to grips with new routines in class and at lunchtimes, as well as getting out into the wider school. We have seen so much fantastic learning happening!



We've had a great start to the year and are now looking forward to what next term has to bring. It's going to be full of activity with our World Nursery Rhyme week and Welcome service and also our parents meetings too. There will also be the run up to Christmas (too early to mention that word?!), which will include our Reception Nativity. Make sure you have your tissues at the ready! Please look out for further information regarding details and dates for costumes during Term 2.

What a busy term we've had, with lots of fun and smiles along the way!

Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed getting out into the playground at the back of the school, exploring the PlayPod equipment and playing with friends from other year groups and their siblings. The Reception team continues to support our children during these times and it's been lovely to see how the children's confidence is growing, along with their independence. As we move into next term we will be introducing our **Year 6 buddies**, who will also be there during lunchtimes to be a big friend to look out for and play with in the playground.

Thank you to all our grown-ups who have joined us for events like our Parent Playpod session, Phonics workshops and Family Tree event. We hope you have enjoyed sharing these experiences with your child and also that the Phonics workshop has helped support you and your child at home as they start their early reading journey.



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REMINDER

Don't forget to fill in a WOW voucher and return it to school so we can share your child's successes at home and out of school! You can help yourself to WOW vouchers on the blue notice board in the Reception outdoor area.



If you have any worries or concerns please speak to a member of the Reception team, Mrs Smith or Mrs Harford. We are always here to help.

Toys in school

Please ensure toys from home are not brought into school, as they can distract our learning and also get lost.

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Next term...



We will be kicking off next term with our **Autumn Wellie Walk** around the school grounds to look for seasonal changes. Please ensure your child **has a pair of named wellie boots in school for the first week back.**

Things to try at home over the half term break

This term we have been really busy focusing on the **Physical Development** and **Managing Self** elements of our curriculum. The half term break is a great opportunity to encourage your child to practise the skills of dressing and undressing into their school uniforms **independently** - especially taking off and putting on jumpers and cardigans and those tricky socks! Practising using the toilet and also using cutlery to eat a hot meal would really support your child in school too. If you are buying warmer coats for the colder winter months, it is always a good idea to let your child practise putting on and doing up their new coat **independently**. Sometimes longer, thicker coats make getting arms in and doing zips up extra tricky. We would be extremely grateful if this is something you could practise at home during the break, including putting on gloves and mittens. Please make sure any new items are also **NAMED**. We hope you all have a happy and restful half term.



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Best wishes, The Reception Team



Wonderful Wednesday!

Forest School and Cooking

Next term we will be starting our **Wonderful Wednesdays**, where the children will be involved in a morning of enrichment activities every week.

Forest School: both classes will be visiting Forest School every other week during Term 2. Please wear school uniform as usual, and ensure your child has a warm coat and wellies in school. We will provide waterproof over trousers. A letter with further information will be sent to you by Miss Thompson, our Forest School Lead, with details of dates etc.

Cooking: Every alternate week, children in the class not visiting Forest school will be taking part in cooking activities. This will take place in groups so children may not bring home tasty treats to share every week.