



Teacher Newsletter

Early Years Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to Early Years

The children have made a wonderful start in Early Years! They have settled into their new classes extremely well and are quickly learning the routines. The children are interacting beautifully with each other, and it has been lovely to see new friendships developing as they get to know one another. Our topic for the first half term is 'Marvellous Me', during which we will be learning about ourselves, each other and our families. In the second half term we will be exploring the topic 'Colours, Lights and Celebrations'. This term, we will also focus on supporting the children to become familiar with our environment and to develop their social and emotional skills.

We hope to see many of you at our 'Through the Keyhole' meetings at 2.45pm on Tuesday 22nd September for Willow Class and 2.45pm on Wednesday 23rd September for Lime Class. During this session, we will be sharing more information about our curriculum and providing an insight into a typical day in Early Years. Slides will be uploaded onto the school website to refer back to.

Thank you for sending in wellies and muddy suits for the children to use at school. Each child has a named place on the rack for the wellies. Please could you ensure they know what their muddy suit looks like so they can find it more easily. We would be very grateful to receive family photos to display in the classroom. Please send them to admin@redbournprimary.co.uk or give them to your Class Teacher if you haven't already done so.

Throughout the school, we encourage reading for pleasure. Anything your child enjoys reading, whether it's magazines, comics, graphic novels or even listening to audiobooks, please log it in your child's reading log book. They will receive stamps and special prizes once complete. You will receive information about our Reading Bingo Challenge and we are looking forward to sharing your child's new reads with the rest of their class.

If you need to speak to a teacher, we operate an open-door approach. The easiest time to catch us is after school, or you can contact the office team who will happily arrange a meeting or phone call.

We are excited to share your child's learning journey with them and feel sure that your child will have a great year!

Staff

Willow Class Teacher: Mrs McLaren

Lime Class Teachers: Mrs Keith (Monday – Wednesday) and Mrs Burton (Thursday and Friday)

Early Years Practitioners: Miss Fensom, Miss Fitzgerald, Miss Morley, Mrs Faulkner (*support staff are subject to change throughout the year*)

Mrs Spencer and Mr Coleman will cover PPA across Reception.

PE

PE days: **Lime Class** - Tuesday. **Willow Class** – Thursday. The children should come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day until October half-term. After half-term, the children will get changed at school.

PE Kit

Plain t-shirt in house colour
Black shorts
Black jogging bottoms or shorts
Black plain jumper
Suitable trainers (not plimsolls)

Earrings should be removed on PE days or covered with tape.

Reminders

All children should have a coat and water bottle in school every day.
Woodlands – We plan to go to Woodlands regularly. Please ensure your child has a muddy suit and wellies in school.
Library Day: Lime Class: Thursday.
Willow Class: Tuesday. Please only send library books in on these days. The library sessions will take place in the afternoon. If your child goes home before lunch, they will have the opportunity to choose a book from the classroom.
Packed Lunches– If your child has a packed lunch, please remember we are a nut free school.

We provide the children with a healthy snack of fruit or vegetable each day.



Reading and Home Learning

At Redbourn Primary, we place great importance on supporting children's reading.

Reception

Each week, your child will read a **Monster Phonics book** in school at least twice to develop fluency and confidence before bringing it home to share with you. In addition, they will take home **two further reading books** to enjoy together over the week, helping to broaden their reading experience and nurture a love of books. These will be wordless books to begin with, until the children have been taught the relevant graphemes.

Please ensure Monster Phonics reading books and the reading record are brought into school every day. Each week, the children will bring home grapheme cards and high frequency words to practise at home.

As well as hearing your child read at home every day, we would like them to access the NumBots App weekly.

Nursery

We share lots of stories with the children and will have several focus texts for each topic.

Please try to share a story with your child every day, even if it is just for a few minutes.

Sharing books exposes the children to a rich vocabulary. It helps to develop their listening and attention skills. When we share a book with the children, they are learning which way up the book goes and which way we turn the pages. They are learning that print carries meaning and that the pictures also provide us with information.

THRIVE Values

Autumn A: Teamwork

We are a team. We are honest and trustworthy. We are effective listeners and communicators. We co-operate with one another. We are helpful and we show empathy.

Autumn B: Healthy

We are healthy. We look after our physical and mental wellbeing. We are happy, we are resilient and we have a growth mindset.