



Teacher Newsletter

Reception



Spring Term 2026

Happy New Year! We hope you had a good break after a busy term. We were so proud of the children's amazing speaking and singing during our Christmas Cracker performances. They all worked very hard to learn their lines and delivered them confidently. We hope you enjoyed the performances as much as we did!

We had a positive Autumn term. All the children settled into Reception well and have continued to build strong relationships with class peers and adults. They have participated enthusiastically in all areas of learning and developed their resilience and curiosity as the term progressed.

The children have settled back quickly and were excited to return to wintery weather, which they have been investigating in the outdoor area. Later in the term, we will explore growth and new life. We will investigate planting and growing seeds and beans and explore life cycles. We will receive an 'egg-citing' delivery of some chick eggs, which we will watch hatch. We will learn how to care for the chicks and will monitor their growth over time.

The children will learn more about celebrations such as Chinese New Year and Easter. As part of our RE topic, we look forward to visiting St Mary's Church. We will continue to visit Woodlands and the Library regularly. This term we will continue to learn a new grapheme each week along with some high frequency words.

Sharing Assembly

A date for your diary- our class sharing assemblies will be on:

Willow – Friday 15th May 2026

Lime – Friday 22nd May 2026

This is an opportunity for you to come and hear all about what our class have been learning. We can't wait to share it with you. Our sharing assembly will be about 20 minutes long. Put the date in your diary.

Staff:

Willow:

Mrs McLaren

EYFS Practitioner – Miss Fensom

Mr Colman will teach Willow PE on a Tuesday

Lime:

Mrs Turner (Mon-Weds) Mrs Burton (Thurs-Fri)

TA – Miss Fitzgerald

Mrs Couch will teach Lime PE on a Friday (*Lime class will be sent home in their PE kits – please ensure that the kits come back into school on Monday. Thanks*)

Support staff are subject to change throughout the year.

PE

Your child should have their PE kit in school all the time, as PE slots are subject to change.

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.

Please could all children wear socks and **not** tights on PE days.

Reminders

All children should have a coat and water bottle in school every day.

Woodlands – We plan to go to Woodlands at least once every half term. Please ensure your child has a named muddy suit and wellies in school.

Library Day- Library will be on a **Friday for Willow and Tuesday for Lime**. Please only send library books in on this day.

Flash cards – Please use the Monster Phonics flash cards sent home each week to support grapheme and word recognition.

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

Reading and Home Learning

2026 is the National Year of Reading. This is a UK-wide campaign led by the Department for Education and delivered with the National Literacy Trust. Its goal is simple but powerful: to help children, young people, and adults rediscover the joy of reading.

Some books to share at home: Counting Sheep by Michelle Robinson, The Big Dreaming by Michael Rosen, Meep by Paddy Donnelly, Jabari Tries by Gaia Cornwall.

As well as sharing books and hearing your child read at home every day, please help them to access the NumBots App weekly.

THRIVE Values

R - Responsible

We are responsible. We work hard, we are determined and we challenge ourselves. We take responsibility for our actions, words and choices. We are reflective learners.

I - Innovative

We are innovative. We are creative, we love learning and we are curious. We are confident, we take risks, make mistakes and we are problem solvers. We are empowered to make changes.