



**Reception**  
**Just To Let You Know**  
**24th April 2026**

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week we continued to watch the chicks grow and we were able to hold them! We have been discussing what it means to grow and have started to look at the children's baby photos. Throughout the week, all of the children have written a sentence about the chicks and some of the children have had a go at creating some more chick artwork. On Friday, we said goodbye to the chicks as they went back to the farm.

**Maths:** This week our maths lessons have focused on numbers that make 10, such as 9 and 1 or 5 and 5. We used two dice pattern frames to help us. We have also been working on verbally counting up to 30, please encourage your children to do this with you at home.

**Phonics:** This week we have introduced the children to CCVC words, such as 'frog,' and 'plug.'

**Tricky words:** This week we learnt the new tricky words 'some,' 'come,' 'love,' and 'do.' The children have all been sent home with a sheet of these new tricky words, please do practice these at home with your child.

**Baby Photos:** This term we are learning all about growing. This weekend, we'd love you to have a look for a baby photo of your child that they can bring into school or you can email Sarah/Hayley so we can print them out for you. Over the next few weeks, we're going to be thinking about how we've grown and changed as we've got older.

**Stay and play:** On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May it's 'Stay and Play'. Parents are invited to come and play in Reception with their child **from 2pm**. If you can't make it yourself, feel free to invite grandparents/other relatives instead. We look forward to seeing you.

**The Look Out:** On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July Reception will be spending the day at 'The Look Out.' The coach will be leaving at 9am and we will return to school for around 2:45pm. Both Willow class and Hazel class are still in need of some parent helpers to come with us. If you are able to help, please contact Hayley or Sarah.

**Things we need:** We are continuing to look at growing with the children, with the focus moving onto plants. If you have any spare seedlings/seeds please send them into school so that the children can plant them.

**Upcoming dates:**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May: Stay and Play @ 2:00pm**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July: Year group trip to 'The Look Out'.**

Have a lovely weekend,

The Reception Team