



Reception
Just To Let You Know
16th October 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had another lovely week in Reception. The children have learnt about the four seasons, with a focus on autumn. They have enjoyed using leaves to create animal pictures and have even created their own autumn tree painting, using cotton buds. The children had a brilliant time today during FLUFFY Friday. They took part in making jam sandwiches, moulding clay decorations, exploring the climbing wall and engaging in outdoor adventures. This was a wonderful way to celebrate 'A Zest for Learning and a Love of Life'!

Maths: This week in Maths the children have been comparing different quantities and using the language of 'more than' or 'fewer than' to describe sets of objects.

Phonics: We have spent the week reviewing the sounds that the children have previously learnt and recalling the tricky words, 'is,' 'I', and 'the'. To support your child with their reading over half-term, you may like to practice some oral blending games. For example...

What sound does : a **s-n-ai-k** (snake) make? a **f-r-o-g** make? a **d-u-ck** make? a **c-a-t** make?

Can you do the actions? **r-ea-ch** up high, stand on one **l-e-g**, **h-o-p**, **m-ar-ch** like the Grand Old Duke of York.

Something to note: Please spend some time this half term making sure that everything has a name on. If something is not named and it gets lost, then we won't be able to get it back to you. PE kits will come home over half term for a wash and this is a great opportunity to check that all items in PE bags are labelled – including the bag itself. Please send them back on Monday 2nd November. Please also make sure that your child has a water bottle to bring to school every day and that they have their *library book in their bag every Tuesday ready to return*.

Ways you can help: After October half-term we will be learning about the artist Yayoi Kusama. She liked to dot paint on pumpkins. We would like to recreate art in her style. If you could kindly donate pumpkins or squashes, we would greatly appreciate them from Monday 2nd November. Thank you so much!



Upcoming dates:

Monday 19th October-Friday 30th October: Half-term, school closed for pupils.

Monday 2nd November: Pupils return to school.

Have a lovely half-term break,

The Reception Team