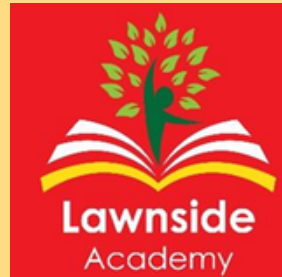


RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Week Ending 2nd October 2026



What is phonics?

Phonics is how we teach children to **read and write words**. We follow Read Write Inc., children **learn the sounds that letters** make, how to **blend sounds together to read words**, and how to **segment words into sounds to spell them**.

We have begun teaching set 1 sounds to the children. These short videos will support the children with their learning of the sounds and are something you can practise at home..

Set 1 word time

m (mountain)



a (apple)



s (snake)



d (dinosaur)



t (tower)



Our Activities

Exploring outside

The children have been enjoying the wonderful sunny weather with many activities outside. These have included building, climbing, riding bikes, sand and of course conkers!

Discovering inside

The children have had a great time exploring and becoming familiar with our indoor provision. Favourites have been the home corner, craft area and small world along with cars and fine motor activities.

Our Activities

We have enjoyed drawing family portraits, writing our names in glitter, learning about how we feel how we feel through The Colour Monster.

Hello!

Welcome to the first of our newsletters. Firstly, we would like to say how amazing the children have been. They have embraced coming into school and are showing us wonderful resilience and a real readiness to learn.

The weather has been fantastic for autumn, and we have been making the most of the sunshine with lots of learning and activities taking place outdoors.

It has been lovely to see the children settling into their new routines, making friends and exploring all the exciting opportunities that Reception has to offer. We are looking forward to sharing more of their learning and adventures with you over the coming weeks.

-Mrs Blackford and Mrs Dawson and
the Early Years team



MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Thurs 15th
Oct

School
Photos

Fri 16th Oct

Harvest Assembly.
.2.55pm. All parents
and carers are
welcome.

Mon 19th &
Tues 20th Oct

Parents
Evening

Mon 26th - Fri
30th Oct

Half Term

Show and Tell

Children can bring in something they would like to share with the class on a Monday. A list of ideas has been sent home that links to our topic. We kindly ask children do not bring toys to show.

Christmas Cards

Your child has been given a Christmas card design sheet from Cauliflower Cards. You and your child can create their design at home and return it to school by 10th November.

Completed designs will be sent off and you will have the opportunity to order cards and gifts featuring your child's design.

Sharing Books

These are books that have been selected by the children, similar to a library book. They are for you to enjoy reading with your children and will be changed each week.