# RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

Lawnside Academy

Our Week 23rd November 2026

## Phonics

The children have learnt all of the single sounds and we are now starting to blend the sounds together and read. Attached are some videos for the children to practise at home and show you how they are starting their reading journey.

Word Time 1,1 | Word Time 1.2 (1) | Word time 1.2(2)

## Maths

This week, children will learn about finding one less than a given number within 5 using concrete objects and pictures to help them. They will use role play and first, then, now stories to explore one less.

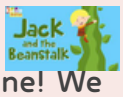
## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### 1 Bear Craft

Following on from our story from last week of Goldilocks and the Three Bears we will be painting our bear heads using different materials. We have used forks to give the texture of fur and our cutting skills to add facial features.

### 2 Story time

As part of our topic traditional tales we will be focusing on the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We will also read Jasper's Beanstalk by Nick Butterworth and an alternative version of the story *It's Not Jack and the Beanstalk* by Josh Funk.




Story time is a favourite part of the day for everyone! We enjoy talking about the stories, sharing our ideas and predicting what might happen next.

### 3 Using a range of materials

The children will be encouraged to build their own beanstalk using a variety of materials available to them inside and outside.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

| Mon 30th Nov | Wed 9th Dec | Thurs 10th Dec | Fri 18th Dec |
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| Matchbox Challenge | Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner day PTA Christmas Event | Christmas performance 9:30am and 2pm | Last day of term |

## NOTE FROM THE EARLY YEARS TEAM

*It's been a lovely start to the term, and we're looking forward to all the exciting activities we have planned as we count down to Christmas!*

*The children have now received their matchboxes for our Matchbox Challenge, which is part of our fundraising towards our school trip. We can't wait to see their creations!*

*We've also started learning the songs for our nativity, The Sleepy Shepherd, and the children are enjoying getting ready for their Christmas performance.*
*Kind regards,*
*Mrs Blackford and Mrs Dawson*

## ASK YOUR CHILD

What happened to Jack?
What do the magic beans do?
What did the giant say when he saw Jack?
How did Jack's mum feel when he came home with the magic beans?