



RECEPTION NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2026



WELCOME!

We are delighted to welcome all our children and families to a new and exciting school year. Starting Reception is a very special time, filled with new experiences, friendships, learning and lots of opportunities to explore and have fun. We are looking forward to the year ahead and supporting our class as they settle into their new routines, grow in confidence and begin their exciting learning journey with us.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING?

Building on their learning from Nursery, the children will explore what makes them special and unique through stories with familiar themes to them. They will learn about the important people around them, develop their understanding of emotions and explore strategies to support their wellbeing. In Autumn 2, we will build on this learning by exploring families, celebrations and traditions, encouraging children to share their own experiences and learn about the diverse ways people celebrate. We will also prepare for our Nativity performance, developing the children's confidence, communication and teamwork skills.

OUR TEAM!

Mrs Bellerby and Mrs Lowndes are our class teachers.

You will see Mrs Bellerby on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

You will see Mrs Lowndes on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

You can contact us both:

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Miss Hancock is our classroom

Teaching Assistant, supporting the children daily.

WHAT WE NEED EVERY DAY!

- Water bottle labelled and filled with water only.
- Book bag with book and diary.
- Clothing for ALL weathers! We go outside no matter what. Please label all clothing.
- A big smile!

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER!

- PE will be on a Tuesday. Please ensure the children come to school dressed in the correct PE kit on this day with hair tied back and earrings removed.
- Every child in Reception is entitled to a free school meal. You can find the menu online: <https://www.crackleybank.staffs.sch.uk/index.php/parent-information/lunch-menu>
- READING! Reading is an important part of your child's learning journey. We encourage you to read to your child every day. Once children are ready for sounds and their own reading books, these can then become a part of your reading time together.