



Reception Summer Term 1 2026 Newsletter



Another term has flown by and it's hard to believe that we will be entering the last full term with your children already. World Book day was a great success and the children were fully involved in learning about new books and authors. The children have learnt a lot about planting and some of their plants will be coming home for Easter so that they can continue to watch them grow and look after them.

During Art and Design sessions the children have been learning about textiles and they tried so hard learning to sew which they then used as part of the Mother's Day gifts. The children have been thinking about the Easter story and had a lovely visit to church.

Finally, we ended the term with the Easter Bonnet parade which was wonderful and it was very clear to see the amount of effort that went into making them. Well done everyone!



Important Dates

Mon 13th April—Term Begins

Mon 20th April—Parent Session

Mon 4th May—Bank Holiday

Thurs 21st May—Break up for 1/2 Term

Fri 22nd May—INSET Day

Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?

Below is a brief overview of what we will be learning this term. Our Topic is all about Minibeasts. We have lots of interesting and exciting activities planned for the children.

Week	Topic	Literacy	Phonics	Maths	Other
1 13.4.2026	Ladybirds – Why do ladybirds have spots?	What the Ladybird Heard. Speech.	short vowels CVCC CVCC CCVC CCVCC CCCVC CCCVC Compound words	To 20 and beyond: Counting, ordering and recognising patterns up to 20.	Mon 13th April— Return to School
2 20.4.2026	Caterpillars—Becoming a butterfly—how does it happen?		words ending in: -ing, -ed / t/, -ed /id/ / ed/ -est Tricky words: out today said so have like some come love do were here little says there when what one	To 20 and beyond: Counting, ordering and recognising patterns up to 20.	Mon 20th—Parent Session
3 27.4.2026	Bee— Why do bees buzz? Do all bees make honey?	The Very Ugly Bug Creative writing (description)		How many now? Addition and subtraction within 20.	
4 4.5.2026	Snails—Why do snails leave a trail?			Manipulate, compose and decompose. Making and using shapes.	Mon 4th May—Bank Holiday
5 11.5.2026	Beetles—How are they so tough?	Billy's Beetle (Recount Writing)		Sharing and grouping: Sharing into groups. Using odd and even amounts to share.	
6. 18.5.2026	Spiders—How many eyes does a spider have?			Sharing and grouping: Sharing into groups. Using odd and even amounts to share.	Thurs 21st May—Break up for 1/2 Term Fri 22nd May—INSET Day

Parent Session

On Monday 20th April we would like to invite one parent per child in to a session in school with your child. In a similar format to the previous session, we will begin at 14:00 with a 20 minute parent only section in our school hall followed by an hour with the children. Please enter through the main school entrance to be able to sign you in. The parent session will focus on how you can help your child towards the end of their school year in Reception and how this will help to support them with a good transition into year 1. The hour with the children will be a 'stay and play' format where they will be able to take you round the classrooms and hopefully outside too for them to show you just what they get up to in the day. At 15:20 you will be able to take your child home from our Reception entrance/exit door. For parents that can't attend we will also dismiss as usual at this time too.

Sunhats in Summer

As the weather warms up children are encouraged to bring and use a sun hat. Please can these be named to help with identifying any that go missing. Within school we ask the pupils to keep them within their trays and to use them in both our outdoor area and at lunch times.



Sun cream

Children are also encouraged to have their own sun cream in school. We store these in a container and keep them at school rather than sending them home everyday. Please could this be named clearly to help us with getting the correct sun cream to the correct child. We only permit children to use their own supplied sun cream at school.



Returning into school at the end of the day

Please can we ask that if any children need to come back in to collect and forgotten items from school at the end of the day that you wait until all children have been dismissed. This makes it less likely for any incidents on our steps. Thank you for your support with this.

Hair

Please can we make sure that hair is tied up everyday. This is for safety, hygiene and for keeping cool in the warmer weather.

