

## Reception Newsletter

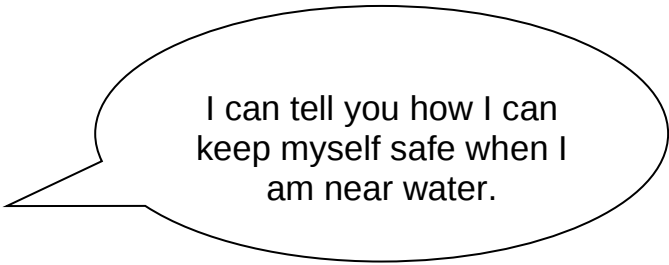
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for joining us on Wednesday for our open afternoon. The children did an amazing job singing their songs for you. They were so proud of themselves and we were very proud of them too. You should have now collected your child's books to keep at home. On the reverse of this letter you will find some tips for home learning should you wish to use these over the summer in preparation for Year 1.

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, the children will begin their time in Year 1. Each morning your child can be brought to either the Daisy Road entrance or the Ashlea Avenue gate where they can independently go into school. School staff will stand in the playground to help make sure your child gets to their new classroom. At home time, staff will lead each class out of school into the infant playground. Could parents please wait for the children in the **Infant playground**, it is easier for your children to locate you if you stand back and do not crowd around the steps. When your child sees you, the teacher will then allow your child to go. As you will appreciate, this will take longer, and we ask you to be patient as staff learn new names and faces. 1N will stand and line up at the top of the steps opposite the Ashlea Avenue gate and 1K will be taken down the steps and onto the playground in front of the Year 2 classrooms.

During our Enquiry Learning sessions this week, we have been learning all about Healthy Bodies and Super Sports. We spent the week thinking about feeling and being healthy and enjoyed lots of activities during our school's 'Healthy Living' week.



I can tell you how I can  
keep myself safe when I  
am near water.

This week's 'Talking Topic' is:

This weeks' word of the week is: **Exercise**

We would like to wish the children well in their new year group and hope you all have a safe and happy holiday. Thank you for all your support with everything this year. It has been a pleasure to get to know you and your children.

Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine, Mrs Rothwell and all the teaching assistants.

## **HOME LEARNING IDEAS – SUMMER 2026**

**Your child's end of year report targets will provide a good starting point but some ideas could include:**

### **BASIC SKILLS**

Name writing including surname

Number writing without reversals 0 -20

Recognise numbers to 20. If confident to 20- try up to 50 / 100

Cursive formation of all letters of the alphabet

### **FINE MOTOR SKILLS**

Playdough model building

Cutting activities

Colouring – staying in the lines

### **READING**

Visit the library. Look at the Calderdale Libraries website for special events

Use expression when reading aloud

Read books from home together/ listen to parents/carers read aloud

Revise all 50 sounds that have been taught so far

Practise reading and writing high frequency (tricky star) words

### **WRITING**

Write a diary of interesting visits/ days out (does not have to be long!)

Write simple captions to go with holiday photographs

### **CALCULATIONS**

Practise adding and subtracting using objects for support

Write and complete simple addition and subtraction calculations using the +,- and = signs correctly

### **SHAPE, SPACE AND MEASURES**

Noticing the 2D and 3D shapes within your home and when out and about. e.g. square picture frames, traffic cones, cylinder drink cans

Tell the time using o'clock and half past

Recognising the different coins and using money to pay for things

Baking using simple measures



Phase 2

Sounds

|    |    |    |    |    |
|----|----|----|----|----|
| s  | a  | t  | p  | i  |
| n  | m  | d  | g  | o  |
| c  | k  | ck | e  | u  |
| r  | h  | b  | f  | l  |
| ff | ll | ss | j  | v  |
| w  | x  | y  | z  | zz |
| qu | ch | sh | th | ng |
| nk |    |    |    |    |

High Frequency Words

Phase 2 Tricky words:

|      |     |     |     |     |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| the  | to  | no  | go  | I   |
| into | is  | as  | and | has |
| his  | her | she | he  | of  |

|    |    |    |  |  |
|----|----|----|--|--|
| we | me | be |  |  |
|----|----|----|--|--|

Phase 3 tricky words:

|     |      |      |
|-----|------|------|
| was | you  | they |
| my  | by   | all  |
| are | sure | pure |

Phase 4 Tricky Words to read:

|       |       |        |      |
|-------|-------|--------|------|
| said  | so    | have   | like |
| some  | come  | love   | do   |
| were  | here  | little | says |
| there | when  | what   | one  |
| out   | today |        |      |

Well done! You are ready for Year 1 – see you in September.

|    |     |     |    |    |
|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| ai | ee  | igh | oa | oo |
| oo | ar  | or  | ur | ow |
| oi | ear | air | er |    |