

Reception Newsletter

Friday 11th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

The children have done really well coming into school and are quickly making new friends. Well done everyone!

The school gates will open at 8:40am each morning and the school day will begin at 8:50am. Please continue to bring your child to the school gate or the Reception class gate where they will be escorted into the Reception classroom by a member of staff. You can use either the Daisy Road or Ashlea Avenue entrance but please note that the Ashlea Avenue entrance is closer to the Reception unit. If you arrive after all of the gates have been locked, you will need to take your child to the visitor entrance, which is next to the staff car park.

All Reception children are now bringing home their 'Reading Packet'. This needs to be returned to school every day. Throughout the rest of the year it will be used to carry word boxes, reading books and any letters that are sent home. It is vital that you check the Reading Packet and Home/School book **each day** as there may be important information enclosed. It is helpful if your child has their own school book bag or a rucksack to carry their Reading Packet in. If your child bumps their head at school you will be informed of this via email.

At Woodhouse, we encourage all pupils to be reading at home for pleasure alongside use of the school's reading books. The children will begin their reading journey in Reception using the Wordless books from the Little Wandle Phonics scheme. Once your child is beginning to blend, they will begin on the Phase 2 reading books. We would expect children to be reading daily to support their ongoing, broader education and ask that an adult at home leaves a comment about your child's reading in their reading diary. More information regarding your child's learning will be shared with you later in this half term.

In Reception, we have the 'Happy/Well Done' and 'Sad/Behaviour' books. Your child will bring a slip home to show you if their name has been entered into the happy book. The 'Happy Book' is used to reward **exceptional** behaviour or work done in class. The 'Sad Book' is used if your child has broken a class or school rule during the day. Your child will be able to explain the reason why their name has been entered into one of these books. You will receive an email if your child's name has been entered into the behaviour book.

Our first PE lesson will take place on Thursday 17th September. All children will need their PE kits to be kept in school as PE lessons will take place every Thursday. Please make sure that long hair is tied back and no earrings are worn. It is also helpful for girls to wear trousers or skirts/dresses with socks on these days as tights can be tricky! Please ensure all PE kit is labelled so they can be returned to the correct owner if they become mixed up. Your child's PE kit will be sent home for washing at the end of every half term.

Every Friday each class take a turn to bake buns to sell to the rest of the school with all money raised supporting our school's chosen charities. If you would like your child to have a bun then please send them into school with a 20p each Friday morning. Further information regarding this will be sent out via the Reception newsletter when it is Receptions turn to bring in buns to sell to the rest of the school.

Following our school policy, due to the allergies and intolerances of some children, we are unable to hand out any edible treats that are brought into school from home to celebrate birthdays and other occasions. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please write a note in your child's orange home/school book.

Many thanks

Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine, Mrs Rothwell and the Reception Team