

Reception Newsletter

Tuesday 8th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Whilst your child is in Reception at Woodhouse, you will receive a weekly newsletter via email most Fridays. The purpose of this letter is to avoid the 'We did nothing at school today' syndrome. Each week, we will tell you what we have done in class and how you can reinforce certain things at home. We will also inform you of what we shall be doing the following week and how you can prepare your child for the week ahead. In this letter we will also inform you of events happening in school as well as in our year group. It is intended that the newsletter is an informal way of passing information. If you would like to access the letter over the internet, it can be found on our school website: www.woodhouse.calderdale.sch.uk once on the Home page, click on 'Parents' and then 'Newsletters'. The Reception weekly newsletter will be emailed out to you every Friday.

The Reception staff have all been very impressed at how confidently the children have come into school and settled into the routine and we hope this continues throughout the term. The Reception children will have completed their settling in sessions and will now be coming into school together. To help the children to settle into their school day we would like the children to be handed to a member of the Reception team at the Reception area gate. All pupils' will start school on a full time basis from Tuesday 8th September.

In Reception, the teachers are Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine and Mrs Rothwell. The teaching assistants are Mrs Walker, Mrs Newman and Miss Blay.

Excellent attendance at school is essential for our pupils to make the most of their time at Woodhouse and achieve their potential including their attainment, wellbeing and wider life chances. It is therefore important that we all work together to achieve high levels of attendance for all our pupils so that they are happy, safe and successful.

Each morning, the school gates open at 08:40 and the children are provided with morning work until 08:50. This additional learning time is valuable in addressing misconceptions and revising key concepts within the curriculum so a prompt arrival at school is helpful for your child. The school bell rings at 08:50 and the register is taken at 08:50. If your child is not in the classroom by this time, they are marked as late. If your child is too ill to attend school on a particular day, please email the school office or leave a voice mail by 09:20am so that this can be recorded. If your child's attendance or punctuality becomes a concern, please contact school to discuss ways we can support your child to be at school, on time, every day.

We have noticed that some items of the children's clothing and belongings do not have names in them. To avoid these being lost, **please could you ensure that your child has their name on everything!** From Monday 14th September, all children will need to bring an indoor PE kit. This should contain a white t-shirt, blue shorts and black pumps. PE kits are kept on your child's peg and remain in school throughout each half term. We will send them home with your child before each holiday. We have our PE sessions every Thursday morning. Our first session will take place on Thursday 17th September. All PE sessions will take place indoors throughout the autumn and spring terms. Outdoor PE sessions will begin in the summer term and further information regarding outdoor PE will be provided before this time.

If your child is being collected from school by any after school clubs or childminders then please fill in the 'Reception after school arrangements' form which can be found inside your child's reading packet. Please inform a member of the Reception team should any of your child's after-school arrangements change.

Your child should now have their own plastic reading packet with an orange home/school book. These need to be brought to and from school each day as they are used for letters, books and any messages we may have.

Throughout this year, you will be able to view and contribute to your child's learning profile through an online learning tool called Seesaw. Seesaw will be used by the Reception team to capture observations and detail next steps which can be practised at school and at home, to help them achieve their full learning potential. You should now have received an email asking you to accept access to your child's learning profile. Please accept your child's Seesaw account as soon as possible as the link will expire. Please let us know via your child's orange home/school book if you have not received an email so we can check that we have your correct email details on file.

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

Many thanks,

Mrs Molloy, Miss Vine and Mrs. Rothwell

Reception after school arrangements

Child's name:

	After School Club/Childminder details
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	

Parent/carer name:

Please inform a member of the Reception team if any of these details change.