

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 17th July 2026

This week in Reception:

Thank you!

As we reach the end of the school year, we would like to take this opportunity to say a **BIG thank you** to all our Reception families and carers.

We have had a fantastic year with your children and have loved getting to know them and being part of their very first year at school. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. Each child has made wonderful progress, grown in confidence and developed so many new skills. They are now ready to take on their next exciting challenge in Year 1!

Thank you to all the families and carers who have supported both the children and us throughout the year. Your encouragement, kindness and partnership have been greatly appreciated.

We wish you all a happy and healthy summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming many of you back in September!

Preparing for Year 1 Over the Summer

Here are some simple ways you may wish to support your child before they start Year 1:

Reading

- Read together every day
- Take part in the Library reading challenge
- Suggested books: *The Invisible String* by Patrice Karst, *Julian is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love, *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae, *Hey You!* By Dapo Adeola, *The Proudest Blue* by Ibtihaaj Muhammad, *All are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold, *My Family Your Family* by Laura Henry-Allain MBE

Fine Motor Skills

- Make and play with playdough
- Colouring, drawing and cutting
- Build with LEGO or thread beads

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Writing

- Encourage drawing and simple mark-making, labels or lists
- Keep a simple holiday diary with pictures and a few words
- Make cards for family and friends

Maths

- Count everyday objects (to 20 and beyond)
- Play number games and simple board games
- Spot numbers when out and about
- Listen to counting sounds – 2s, 5s and 10s

Social Skills

- Play games that involve sharing and turn-taking
- Encourage talking about feelings – link to Zones of Regulation

Independence

- Practise tying shoe laces independently
- Tidy away toys and belongings
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Most importantly, enjoy time together and help your child feel confident and excited about starting Year 1!

The Reception Team

