

Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 18th September 2026

This week in Reception:

The children have had a great **first week** in Reception! They have coped well with their first full week, there may have been some tears coming into the classroom but they have showed their resilience and have moved on quickly and got stuck into each new day!



This week our theme has been '**All About Me**' we are all busy getting to know each other. We have read the story '**All Are Welcome**' and have had some circle times focusing on learning names, sharing feelings and taking turns. The children engaged with their first writing task all about themselves where they drew pictures and chatted to their teachers about their favourite animals, foods they eat, their families and the toys they like to play with.

The children may be very tired this week, or they may be full of energy. They might want to tell you everything about school, or they may prefer to switch off from school and simply enjoy being at home. However they are feeling or behaving, please remember that this is completely normal and may change from day to day. They are currently in a period of **transition**, and it can take time for children to adjust to all the new experiences, routines and expectations that come with starting school 😊

From Next Week

- From Monday, as part of their transition, Reception will join the rest of the school on the **main playground** at lunchtime. Please talk to your child about this and help remind them that there will be familiar adults, siblings, friends and neighbours that they will be able to meet and play with on the playground!
- We would appreciate (as much as possible!) if the children could now come into the classroom **independently**, saying goodbye at the door. Many of the children are doing this already and all of them are now familiar with where their peg is and with the morning routine of their class. Thank you.

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WRAP and Enrichment Clubs

If your child is attending WRAP or an Enrichment club please remind them that they will be attending that day to help them with the transition between the school day and after school provision.

Important:

Please provide a set of **spare clothes** for your child's peg in a separate bag.

A **water bottle** for your child is also very useful and please do label all of their belongings with their **name**, thank you!

Reminders:

Daily Class Timings:

Lions 8.50 – 9.00am and 3.20 – 3.30pm

Tigers 8.55 – 9.05am and 3.25 – 3.35pm

Bears 9.00 – 9.10am and 3.30 – 3.40pm

Book bags:

Book bags are now available to purchase via Arbor. The cost is £8 per bag, or £5 for children who are eligible for Pupil Premium. Once paid for these can be collected from the office. These bags are ideal for carrying reading books, school books and reading journals safely between home and school. In previous years, book bags were provided free of charge; however, this was at a financial loss to the school and is no longer sustainable. We have therefore introduced a purchase option to help cover the cost. Please note that purchasing a school book bag is entirely optional. Children are welcome to use any suitable bag from home to transport their books and reading materials if preferred. We appreciate your understanding and continued support.



Outdoor days - please help your child to dress appropriately for the weather on these days.

Tuesdays – Lions

Wednesdays – Bears

Thursdays – Tigers

Home learning ideas:

Being Independent

- Toileting independently – encourage your child to wipe, flush and wash hands on their own!
- Dressing themselves
- Recognising their own name
- Helping at home to make their bed and tidy their toys

Mark- Making

- Help your child to mark make at home, they could do this with pens and crayons or even sand, soap or shaving foam!
Patterns help children to eventually go on to form letters correctly – this benefits all children wherever they are in their journey to writing.

