9th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the recent Parent Council meeting, we wanted to take the opportunity to clarify a few questions that were raised and share some further information with you.

RWI Speed Sound Books
As discussed during our recent phonics workshop, the RWI Speed Sound Books are for parents and carers to use at home to support their child's learning of the Set 1 sounds. These books should be kept at home and used to reinforce the sounds taught in school. All children have now been introduced to all of the Set 1 single sounds. The QR codes shared with you each week will focus on the sounds that the children have been learning and revisiting during their RWI lessons.

Home School Books
The message added to the front of every child's Home School Book explains how we will be using them.
The books will be used by staff to record when your child has read with an adult in school. We also encourage you to use them to record when you have shared a book with your child or when your child has read to you.
You are welcome to use the book to share other messages about home learning but please be aware that these books will **not** be checked every day, so if you have an important message that needs to be passed on to the reception team, please speak to a member of staff at the start of the school day or email the school office.

We are also celebrating and rewarding children who read at home by giving them a special reading sticker to add to their Home School Book. Thank you for supporting us in developing a love of reading!

Assemblies
We are not expecting Reception children to attend whole-school assemblies at this stage. During the first half-term, our priority has been to help the children settle into school, build positive relationships and become familiar with their new routines. We will begin introducing whole-school assemblies for Reception children during the summer term, when they are more confident and settled. However, you can now find the Reception certificate winners on the weekly celebrations section of our newsletter.

Outdoor Learning
All outdoor learning dates were shared with parents at the beginning of September. We apologise for the error in the day given for Owl Class and thank you for your understanding.

PE
At the Reception Induction Meeting in June, we explained that we would make a decision about when to introduce PE once we had seen how the children settled into school.
PE days were shared during Home Visits and Stay and Play sessions and are also displayed on the classroom windows. We recognise that starting Reception brings lots of new routines, expectations and experiences. We want to give the children time to feel comfortable and confident with these before introducing another new routine. The start date for PE was therefore shared in our weekly newsletter and on classroom windows a week in advance.

Dojo Points
The Reception team will include a weekly update of the Dojo points earned by the children, alongside information about other rewards and celebrations on our newsletter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working in partnership with us. We really value the questions and feedback shared through our Parent Council, as they help us to keep communication clear and ensure we are working together to give the children the very best start to their school journey.

Kind regards,

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