

Reception News – November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,
We hope you all had a lovely half term break and we are looking forward to another fun half term in Reception ☺

This half term:

- The gate will open at **8:45am** where we will meet and greet each child. The gate will be closed at **8:55am** so we can begin our day (we are beginning guided reading (we call this cosy corner) this term and we will start reading groups at this time so I will only be available on the decking door until 8:55am - please try and be on time). Collection at the end of the day will be from the classroom door via the decking area at **3:15 pm.**
- **PE** will still be on Monday mornings. Please remember to send your children to school in their P.E kit on this day, and they will stay in this all day. Please make sure everything is labelled even ties and socks/tights if possible!
- **Forest school** will be starting this half term; Miss Zohhadi has been in contact with you when your child's group is. Please note that on their forest school days they are able to come dressed in old clothes/P.E tracksuit.
- **Nativity** – This term we will begin to start rehearsing for our EYFS and KS1 Nativity play. This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to be practising their speaking and listening skills as well as developing their self-confidence when performing to an audience. As the term progresses, we will keep you updated with the relevant information.

What we will be learning:

- This half term we are looking at 'Celebrations'. We will be looking at Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, Hanukkah and lots of Christmas related activities! Including preparing for our Nativity.
- Guided Reading (we like to call it cosy corner☺) will start next week. A letter will come home on this week with more information on this. Please make sure you child has their book bag on their reading day and returns any books they have. We will not be able to issue new books unless the books are returned.
- Maths – White Rose Maths
  Representing numbers to 5, composition of 4 & 5, one more and less, shapes with 4 sides, daily routines and introduction to time,

Phonics – Essential Letters and Sounds
Phase 3 of ELS covers more than just the Phase 3 graphemes – we introduce some challenge from Phase 4 (in the form of adjacent consonants) alongside the Phase 3 teaching to extend children's sounding out and blending skills

Reception/ Primary Autumn 2: Phase 3*					
Week 1	**Week 2**	**Week 3**	**Week 4**	**Week 5**	**Week 6**
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/ks/ <x>	/ch/ <ch>	(voiced and unvoiced) /ng/ <ng> /nk/ <nk>	/oa/ <ao>	the root word) Assess and review week	
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Dates to remember

Please check the calendar on the website and the newsletter as events are added regularly.

12th November Reception Maths Parent Workshop 9am
17th November Anti- bullying week assembly – Theme: Break the Silence
18th November Parent Consultations 2.30-6pm
19th November Reception Reading and Writing Parent Workshop – 9am
20th November Inset Day – school closed for staff training
25th November Online Safety workshop to ALL parents 9am – school hall
26th November Parent Consultations 2.30-6pm
27th November Encounter Day (Spirituality focused day)
30th November St Andrews Day – extra juice, biscuits and playtime
1st December Nativity Play for parents – 2pm
2nd December Nativity Play for parents – 10am
11th December Christmas Jumper Day
16th December Christmas Carol Service (5pm) All Saints Church
Parent workshop on School Avoidance run by MIND – 9am hall
18th December Last Day of Autumn Term – collection 1.30pm

Just a few reminders about procedures:

'Wow Moments' If your child has done anything fantastic out of school, please take a photo and upload it to Tapestry for us to see!

Please ensure your child has a bag of spare clothes on their peg.

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled especially as the weather is getting colder, so please label scarfs, hats and gloves if possible.

If you require any additional information or have any queries/concerns please email us at teacher@allsaintsce.lbhf.sch.uk

Kind Regards, Miss Lewis, Miss Finn, Mrs Northen + the Reception team