

Reception Newsletter – Friday 3rd July 2026

Phonics – Level 3

This week we started Level 4 Phonics. The children were so excited and proud of themselves. Kit & Sam went back in history to the Stone Age and met Wilf and Felt.

In Level 4 there are no new sounds to learn. However, the children need to know the **‘adjacent consonant blends’**. This is when there are 2 consonants together at the start or end of words (the children don’t yet know what consonants and vowels are) and the children squish the sounds together. EG: In the word ‘milk’, instead of sounding out m-i-l-k, the children will squish together the final 2 sounds / the adjacent consonants and say ‘m-i-lk - milk’. I have uploaded the flashcards of some blends and a variety of Level 4 flashcards to the Phonics & Reading Webpage. These flashcards can be used online to read or be printed out. Please also use them over the summer to help prepare your child to review Level 3 & finish Level 4 in Year 1 before moving to Level 5.

<https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/main/pupils/class-pages/reception/phonics-and-reading>

Level 4 Resources

The following resources can be used to support your child in reading Level 4 words:

LEVEL 4 BLENDS FLASHCARDS	
LEVEL 4 WEEK 1 CVCC WORDS	
LEVEL 4 WEEK 2 CCVC WORDS	
LEVEL 4 WEEK 3 ADJACENT CONSONANTS	
LEVEL 4 WEEK 4 POLYSYLLABIC WORDS	
LEVEL 4 WEEK 5 THREE LETTER ADJACENT CONSONANTS	
TRICKY WORDS MAT LEVEL 2 LEVEL 4	

There are some wonderful games on **Phonics Play** website you can use to help your child. Don’t forget to use this website over the summer to help your child practice their phonics skills:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

The tricky words for this week were **‘said’ & ‘so’**. The tricky part in the word ‘said’ is the ‘ai’ which says an ‘e’ sound and we linked the word ‘so’ with being able to read the word ‘go’ – ask your child to rhyme it with ‘to’ & ‘go’ which both look the same and see which word makes sense.

Next week I will be completing the final phonics assessment of Level 3 sounds and Tricky Words. I will send home missing sounds or blending to read as I did last time for you to work on over the summer. They will also be passed to Year 1. Staff next year will check on learning early on in the year so they know which gaps in learning need to be filled.

Mathematics – Numbers to 20 & Beyond

This week we’ve been using the 100 square to work out how many children are in the class when everyone is here, know how many are away and work how many are left in class by counting backwards.

Understanding the World - Exploring Under the Sea - Jellyfish

This week we learned about jellyfish. Ask your child what they know. Our story this week was ‘The Jellyfish Jiggle’.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hpkYYPagwU>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u9Q9knJlhww>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmynApo5XE>

General

The children have done it!!!! As our end of year treat for filling our marble jar the children wanted to go to the park. Therefore, we have planned a day out of school. We are going to link this visit with a Woodlands trip to the Secret Woods, coming back to school for lunch. We are planning on doing this on **Friday 10th July**.

Help needed – So far, I have had no offers of help. I am still looking for some parents to help Mrs Long and myself on the Reception stall at the Summer Garden Party. It would be great if I could have help from 1pm – 4pm. I would really appreciate it if you could spare 30 minutes or 1 hour. If everyone helped for a short period of time it will make the afternoon much easier to manage. In the past the children have loved helping run the games with their parents. Please let me know when you can help. If you can't help with the stall, we'd really appreciate help in the morning to move chairs/tables and again at the end of the day getting things back into school. As the saying goes 'Many hands make light work'! Thank you in advance for any help you offer.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Garden Party tomorrow starting with a Mass at 12pm.

Mrs Turley

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd July – Sweet Jar Mufti Day. Please decorate a cleaned empty jar (jam jar, coffee jar, etc) and fill with sweets. They will be part of the sweet jar tombola at the Garden Party

Friday 3rd July - Woodlands School

Saturday 4th July – PTA Summer Garden Party. Open Air Mass at 12pm to start the afternoon with a return of our successful colour run. If you can support in any way (the PTA really need your help), please just turn up on Saturday and find me. Every pound we raise goes back to the children EG: helping on a stall (even for half hour – the children really love to help too) or even helping to set up / tidy away at the end of the day

Tuesday 7th July – Reception & Y6 Mass at church. Please take the children directly to church for 8.45am. We ask that you do not leave your child until staff arrive.

Thursday 9th July – iRock concert at 9.15am

Friday 10th July – Stay & Pray session 2.45pm as per Arbor communications (sorry about confusion re: times)

Friday 10th July – Visit to the park

Friday 10th July - Woodlands School at the Secret Woods

Saturday 11th July – Our final Reception & Y6 Family Mass at church for 6pm. It would be wonderful if everyone could attend to celebrate Y6's time at St Anne's and to celebrate the special relationships that have developed this year

Monday 13th July – Final week in Reception

Monday 13th July – Please send in a named shopping bag to school so children can bring home their exercise books and artwork from the year. I will be asking for some parents to return their child's exercise books in September in case of any visitors (OFSTED or monitoring visits) that might need to see evidence of the children's achievements. The books will be returned at the end of Year 1

Monday 13th July – End of year Reports to parents

Thursday 16th July – Celebration Assembly

Friday 17th July – End of year Leavers Mass & Leavers Assembly from 9am. Everyone welcome to join us celebrate Year 6's time at St Anne's

Friday 17th July – No Woodlands School Today

Friday 17th July – School closes for the summer holiday