

## Reception Newsletter – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Phonics – Level 3

this week we have learned 'igh' & 'oa'. 'igh' is a trigraph – 3 letters that make 1 sound. The Parent Support Sheets and regular words to match are on the class 'Phonics & Reading' webpage: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/phonics-reading/>. Please stick these sounds into your child's sound book and practice daily. You might like to play the corresponding games on Phonics Play website: <https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

### Handwriting

Our letter focus for the week was 'i' (**formation rhyme = down the insect's body and its tail and dot the head**). Please make sure your child forms this carefully whenever writing it, especially if they have it in their names. This letter sits on the lines.

### Maths

Our number focus this week has been counting and making sets of **7** and seeing the patterns of objects that make up the set of 7. We've also been learning to write the numeral 7 using the correct formation. Ask your child to show you how they can do this.

We've continued learning number bond facts of 7 orally so that children can say the following by heart: - perhaps use 7 objects at home to help explain:

0 and 7 makes 7  
1 and 6 makes 7  
2 and 5 makes 7  
3 and 4 makes 7  
4 and 3 makes 7  
5 and 2 makes 7  
6 and 1 makes 7  
7 and 0 makes 7

### Understanding the World – Exploring Space – How do we get to Space? / Who goes to space?

This week our text has been 'Man on the Moon – A Day in the Life of Bob'. There is a video of the story being read on our class video page for this term. Ask your child to tell you something about the story.

The children learned a new word '**experiment**'. We made straw rockets which the children experimented to see how far they could launch their rocket. We went outside to test to see who could launch their rocket the furthest. After lots of experimenting we had a winner - well done Dottie! They are coming home today. Perhaps take them outside with some planet targets (we used different sizes of boxes) to see if your child can land their rocket in the planet.

Don't forget all the videos on the class webpage: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/video-clips-spring-2/>

## Safer Internet Day Competition



**We have a winner!!!!!!** Well done to Essie whose entry was chosen as the EYFS winner from schools across the Walsall Borough. She has earned not only herself a prize but a prize for the school.

### RE – Lent

**Fast** - This week we thought about what we are going to try to do during Lent to be more like Jesus – links with fasting. We thought about giving up some treat food EG: sweets and fizzy drinks, or giving up moaning about eating dinner or arguing / fighting with siblings etc. Ask your child what they are going to try to do this Lent.

**Pray** - We've also spent more time in prayer this week. The children are getting good at making their own prayer personal to them. Perhaps you could ask your child to share their prayers with you every evening before bed during Lent.

**Give** - Thank you for supporting our Kids Village charity collection this week. This charity was suggested by some of our Year 6 pupils so it's always good to support charities close to their hearts.

### General

The children thoroughly enjoyed our Little Kid Town visit on Tuesday. I have uploaded pictures to the class website: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/reception-photographs-spring-term-2-2026/>

Our 2 teaching students spent 2 days with us this week – Miss Jan & Miss Kahn. They will be with us several days in the next few weeks before starting their teaching placement in May.

Next week our Mother's Day Shop is open. Please refer to PTA communications about the arrangements and how to pay for this. Gifts chosen will be kept in school and sent home on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

On Tuesday I sent home your child's wooden cross for their Building the Kingdom Spring 2 challenge. Please see Mrs Johnston's communications for details.

On Tuesday your child brought home their World Book Day token. This gives your child the opportunity to choose a free book at a participating book store or £1 off any book. More information can be found: <https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/> . Thank you for supporting our book day today. There are lots of pictures on Bluesky.

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