

Reception Newsletter – Friday 10th July 2026

Phonics – Level 4

This week we continued Level 4 Phonics. The children are thoroughly enjoying the challenge of **‘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>

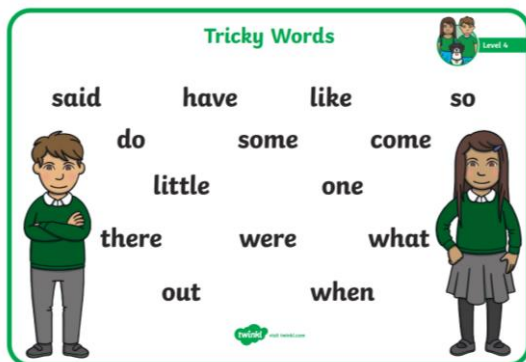
Level 4 Resources

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 **‘have’, ‘like’, ‘come’ & ‘some’**. Below are all tricky words for Level 4.



This week and next week I have been 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. If they have no digraphs, trigraphs or tricky words to focus on within Level 3 then please begin to practice those words and blends from Level 4.

Understanding the World - Exploring Under the Sea - Turtles

This week we learned about turtles. The children were upset to learn that some people leave rubbish on the beach which hurt the turtles. Perhaps if you visit a beach over the summer you could encourage your child to keep take their rubbish home to help be stewards of our world. We also watched a few videos of turtles hatching which they thoroughly loved.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82rMtMELDrw>



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HYF_vUBFSsA

Here's to a wonderfully busy last week of Reception.

Mrs Turley

Dates for your Diary

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 – Reading Books collected for our annual audit of reading books. Children will bring home a new book on their first day of Year One

Monday 13th July – Another visit to Year One. Children will bring home their Summer Book in the same way they did in Reception

Monday 13th July – End of year Reports to parents

Wednesday 15th July – Final visit to Year One

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 at 2pm. No after school Kids Club