

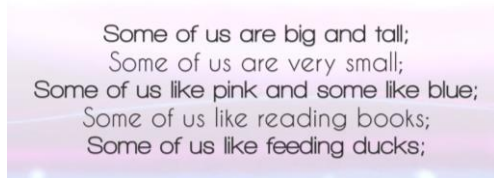
Reception Newsletter – Friday 12th June 2026

RE – Own word for prayer

This week the children have been developing confidence in saying prayers of their own.

Our Hymn this week was '**We're part of the big family of God**'. Ask your child if they can show you the actions to this. You might like to join in with these. It's so important to know that God made everyone and it doesn't matter what we look like or what we do – God loves everyone:

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



The Wednesday Word for this week is '**God's Kingdom**'. We reviewed knowing that everyone is unique, but that God loves everyone equally.

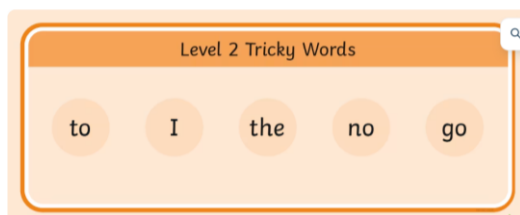
<https://wednesday-word.paperturn-view.com/god-s-kingdom?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=212.3>



Phonics – Level 3

This week Miss Jan led the review of our Level 3 sounds - '**long or (fork)**', & '**ur (curl)**'. The children are becoming more confident at writing words using these sounds including thinking carefully about their handwriting. Please use your child's sound books to review these sounds and the front pages of their reading books. You might want to play the games on www.phonicsplay.co.uk using the school login to help your child practice reading words using these sounds or want to do the dictation challenges using these sounds to help reinforce them.

The tricky word for this week was '**they**'. The tricky part is the 'ey' that makes an 'ai' sound. We've focused on reading and writing it independently.



Handwriting

This week I've completed an individual writing assessment. A copy is in your child's bag. If there is a dot above the letter it means this letter is not formed correctly. If there is a line underneath the letter, it means there is something missing from the formation. I am exceptionally proud of the progress all children have made since September – especially since introducing more handwriting lessons in Reception. At St Anne's we talk about being '**Ready to Write**'. This will continue in Year 1. This is how we are 'Ready to Write':

- Sit on the chair correctly – bottom at the back of the chair and sit up straight
- Tuck your chair under the table with your feet flat on the floor
- Hold a pencil correctly using 'duck fingers'

- Hold your paper or whiteboard with the spare hand – no hands on heads
- Form letters or numbers correctly using the correct formation
- Sit your letters on the lines with tails underneath and tall letters to the top of the line
- Switch your brain on (children's words)

Maths

This week Miss Khan led Maths activities. The children practiced subtraction problems using cubes to complete simple subtraction problems within 10 EG: $7 - 2 = 5$. They were introduced to taking away 0 or taking everything away - they do not need to use cubes for these subtraction problems.

Understanding the World – Animals in God's World - Frogs

This week we have learned about frogs. The children sang the song '5 little speckled frogs', made frog masks and games and learned about the life cycle of a frog - from frogspawn, to tadpoles, to tadpoles with legs, to froglets then finally to frogs. Ask your child what they can remember about how frogs develop. We also learned a fun little song called 'Mm mm went the little green frog one day'.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X2KceEQ_2pc



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F3EIGMVU6SY>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAcwji6I9Y>

Computing – Programming Bee-Bot Programmable Toys

We carried on learning how to programme Bee-Bots to make them move and use directional language. There is a similar free app called 'Bee-Bots' you can download for tablets you might want to use with your child at home. There was some excellent problem solving used by the children.



General

Please make sure your child always has a coat unless we're in a settled weather period. The weather is very changeable and children can get very wet when outside if they have no coat.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 12th June – Go Green Mufti Day for St John's Ambulance

Friday 12th June – Woodlands School

Friday 12th June – EYFS Parent & Child Reading Session at 2.30pm. This will be our last session of the year.

Monday 15th June – Father's Day Shop Open. Please see communications from Mrs Johnston about arrangements

Monday 15th June – St John's Ambulance visit to Reception

Friday 19th June – Sports Day (I will send PE kits home nearer the time for children to wear to school on Friday). Please see communications from Mrs Johnston about arrangements

Friday 19th June – Woodlands School in the afternoon

Friday 19th June – Miss Khan & Miss Jan's final day

Saturday 20th June – Y3's First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers

Monday 22nd June – EYFS Online Safety Workshop for Parents & Children at 2pm

Wednesday 24th June – Whole School Thanksgiving Mass for Y3 followed by Corpus Christ procession (Reception will not take part in this procession)

Friday 26th June – Bottle Mufti for PTA Garden Party. Please send in an alcoholic bottle for our Summer Garden Party Bottle Tombola

Friday 26th June - Woodlands School

Monday 29th June – St Peter & St Paul Feast Whole School Mass at Church for 10am. Children should come to school as normal

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, please let me know – donating a raffle prize from your place of work, helping to run a stall (even for 1 hour) or even helping to set up / tidy away at the end of the day

Enjoy a fun family weekend

Mrs Turley