

Reception Newsletter – Friday 13th March 2026

Reception's Webpage

You might notice that some documents / videos have been or are going to be removed from Reception's class webpage. This is in preparation for our new website due next half term. Don't worry, the documents and videos will be uploaded to the new website shortly. The photograph from September to Easter, however, will be lost and not moved. You might want to look through them over the next 2 weeks. Photographs from the summer term will be uploaded to the new webpage.

Phonics – Level 3

This week we have learned 'oo' (long – moon & soon), 'oo' (short – book & foot) & 'ar' (star & car).

The Tricky Word for this week is 'they'. Please stick this into your child's Tricky Word book and help them learn to read this on sight.

Handwriting

Our letter focus for the week was 't' (formation rhyme = down the teaspoon, under the cup and across the top). 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 8 (around like a 's' and close the gate – that's how we write the number 8) and seeing the patterns of objects that make up the set of 8. We've also been learning to write the numeral 8 using the correct formation. Ask your child to show you how they can do this.

We've continued learning number bond facts of 8 orally so that children can say the following by heart: - perhaps use 8 objects at home to help:

0 and 8 makes 8

1 and 7 makes 8

Etc.

Understanding the World – Science Week

As part of Science Week we joined the school for an assembly led by Severn Trent Water. The focus was how we need to limit the use of water. Ask your child if they can remember one way that we can save water – shorter showers, smaller baths, turning off the taps when brushing our teeth, using a bucket to wash the car. Perhaps as a family you might like to try to do one of these to help live simply and sustainably. We also talked about some parents who are scientists or use science in their jobs. If your job involves science in any form, perhaps talk to your child about this.

We also spent time investigating 'floating & sinking' & 'magnetism'. Key words used & phrases:

- Science
- Experiment
- Test
- Predict / guess / think
- What do you think will happen?
- What can you see happening?
- Why do you think that happened?
- What is the same / different between X?

Mother's Day

It's been very hard for the children to keep some of the things we've been doing a secret from mums! We have talked about the variety of things that our mums do for us because they love us. The children enjoyed visiting the PTA Mother's Day Shop this week. They are bringing home their gifts today – I hope you like what they chose. Thank you for supporting this. We have also been very busy in school making a variety of things for our mums. We hope you have a wonderful Mothering Sunday – Look on Bluesky and the class homepage for a special video from the children.

Stay & Pray / CAFOD's Lenten Big Walk

This takes place on **Friday 20th March at 9am**. We will begin with whole class prayer together and then get ready to go on our sponsored walk around the field. If you can join us, please do. I'm sure the children would enjoy our families walking with us. Keep your eyes on Arbor Communications / Headlines from Mrs Johnston nearer the time regarding outer clothing needed. The current forecast is for warmer and drier weather, but that could change. Children might need a change of footwear (wellies or old trainers).

This is a MUFTI Day for Kids Village donations.

THERE WILL BE NO WOODLANDS SCHOOL ON OUR BIG WALK DAY

General

Children will be bringing home their PE kits next week ready to be returned after Easter.

Tuesday 24th March - OneLife Music Lenten Retreat Day.

Wednesday 25th March – Whole School Mass at church at 10am

Thursday 26th March – Crazy hair / Lenten PJ's fundraising

Thursday 26th March – Celebration Assembly at 9am

Thursday 26th March – Parents Evening

Thursday 26th March – Break up for Easter at 3.15pm

Happy Mother's Day to all the important ladies in our lives.
Mrs Turley