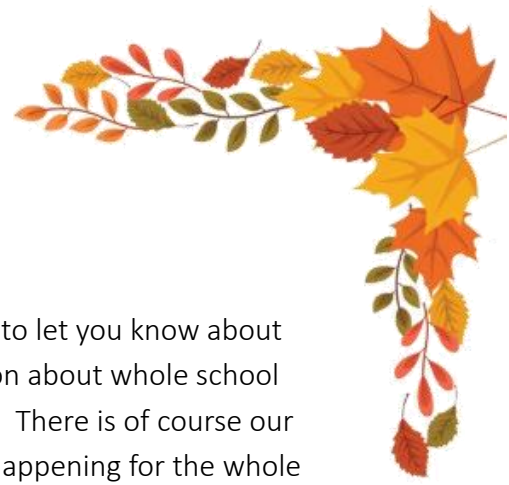




September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to your first Reception Newsletter. The purpose of these letters, is to let you know about upcoming events specifically for Reception Class as well as further information about whole school events that may be useful to you, especially if this is your first child in school. There is of course our school weekly newsletter that will keep you up to date with events that are happening for the whole school, including Reception Class.

We thoroughly enjoyed the summer term transition sessions and are really looking to getting to know our new class and their parents over the next few days, weeks and months.

Please come and talk to us after school with any questions, concerns or things you want to celebrate about your child. You can also email the school office office@stokeprior.worcs.sch.uk and a message will be passed to us.

Monday-
Tuesday



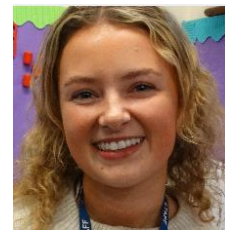
Mrs Reason

Mornings



Mrs Barnett

Afternoons



Miss Adams

Wednesday-
Friday



Mrs Bullock

During the first half term, our theme is 'We Are Reception Class'. We'll spend more time getting to know one another and learning each other's names. The children will be finding out about our classroom and outdoor area in the first instance and then the wider school and grounds.

We will develop listening skills and learn the good listening rules and those of the school. Having conversations with one person, in a small group or the whole class will help us to practise our listening skills, new words we've been taught, as well as learn more about each other. We will say rhymes and sing songs and also begin our phonics lessons – which will lead to the children learning how to read! Becoming familiar with the daily and weekly routines will be a priority for us this half term.

We will all use good manners and remember to share toys and take turns in games. The children will practise managing their hygiene needs independently.

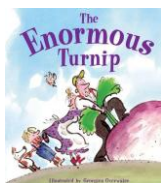
We will also be learning about Harvest and what happens in the season of Autumn.



Good Listening Rules

Listen to all of the words.
Look at the person who is talking.
Sitting still.
Staying quiet.

We have lots of games to play with the children to help develop good listening skills.



Books play an important role in our school and within Reception Class. They help people share ideas, ask questions, enjoy reading, and of course, have fun with a good book — all of which can help create a special bond between the reader and the listener.

CONCEPT CAT



Videos for Early Years

Concept Cat is a fun and engaging way to teach children early verbal concepts, developing the spoken vocabulary of all children. We have one focus word each week which we teach and then incorporate into our learning, encouraging children to demonstrate their understanding by using the word in context.



Golden Rules

We are gentle
We don't hurt others



We are kind and helpful
We don't hurt anybody's feelings



We listen
We don't interrupt



We are honest
We don't cover up the truth



We work hard
We don't waste our own or others' time



We look after property
We don't waste or damage things



We have a story to share for each of the Golden Rules, demonstrating why they are important.

As events occur throughout the year, we refer to the stories and rules, for example, showing who has been kind, or why we need to work as a team to tidy up.

We have our Reception Phonics Workshop on Wednesday 17th September.

Our Harvest Festival, held at St. Michael's church, Stoke Prior is on Friday 26th September.

Look out for more information and further diary dates in the school newsletter.

If you are able to provide a pair of named wellies that can stay in school, it means your child can enjoy outdoor learning in all weather.

As the weather becomes wetter, they will also need a waterproof coat.

Please ensure everything is named, even if the item is quite unique. If something is lost, it can be returned much quicker when it is named.