



Whitehouse Primary School

Reception Autumn 2026

Newsletter



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As we move through Autumn 1, we wanted to share some of the curriculum offering for Reception pupils. We are confident that the topics and ideas will both educate and ignite the children's' interests and imaginations. Here is just a flavour of the term ahead...



Expressive Art and Design

Children will explore music and dance on a daily basis, working towards music making and expressing their feelings about music. They will also create varied artwork linked to our topics.



Memorable experiences:

Exploring the School and the area around it.



Physical Development

Children will learn the basic principles of PE, such as safely using the space and equipment available. They will explore movement, games and coordination, both individually and within teams.

Daily Learning through Play

Children will continue to build imagination and explore new ideas through regular provision both indoor and outdoor.



Let's Explore & Marvellous Machines



Forest School

Children will attend a Forest School Programme every 3 weeks, with outdoor learning that inspires confidence, resilience, independence and creativity!



Understanding the World

Our topics cover many aspects of exploration, such as exploring the seasons, our local area, maps and beyond. Marvellous Machines offer the chance to investigate machines from Robots to trains and how we use technology in our daily lives.



Key Times and Days

EYFS doors open - 8:40am
Registration - 8:55am
End of school - 3:15pm

PE - All Reception - every Wednesday am
Forest School - RSL & RCAB Friday 18th Sept
- RCAB Friday 2nd Oct
- RSL Friday 16th Oct
- RSL & RCAB Friday 6th Nov
- RCAB 20th Nov
- W/C 30th onwards tbc...



Maths

Unit 1: Counting to 5
Unit 2: Comparing numbers within 5
Unit 3: Shapes (2D and 3D)

Phonics

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Children begin their all important reading and writing journey through daily phonics sessions using the 'Little Wandle' Phonics Scheme.

Communication and Language

Through daily oracy sessions, children will focus on sharing ideas and building their speaking confidence.

PSHE

Children will explore the importance of being a Good Friend, Kindness and Working together.



Books Books and More Books!

Reading will feature daily, to support expansion language skills, to learn about the world and to promote enjoyment in the world of storytelling. Our new scheme 'Pathways to Write' further supports our focus on literacy.

Fine Motor Skills

Daily practice using small tools, scissors, pencils a knife and fork are all important towards independence and confidence in carrying out daily tasks and supporting writing development.



Drawing Club

Regular lessons use books and animations to engage children's imaginations through drawing. This develops to combine early writing skills.



Important dates for Autumn Term 2026

School Photographs (Individual)

Monday 5th October (bookable)

Local Area Walk

Tuesday 20th October

Last Day of Autumn 1 Term;

Thursday 22nd October (PD Day Fri 23rd).

Autumn 2 Term Start ;

Monday 2nd November

Seasonal Craft Sale

Tuesday 24th November from 2.30pm

Reception Christmas Performance

Thursday 10th December 2.30pm.

One off PD Day

Friday 4th December

