



15 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 15.9.25

Class Open Time next week

Tuesday 23.9.25
2.50 pm – 3.10 pm

OR

Thursday 25.9.25
2.50 pm – 3.10 pm

Please attend one of the
Class Open Times, not both.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child
is wearing the **correct uniform**
every day including:

- Grey socks or tights (white with summer dress)
- plain black shoes – **not trainers or boots.**
- No jewellery except plain stud earrings.
- No nail varnish.
- Hair which is below the shoulders must be fully tied up – not half-up half-down styles.
- Hair bands and clips should be school uniform colours.

PE Kits

Should be brought into school
this Tuesday 16.9.25.

Please send in
named Welly Boots
as soon as you can. These will
remain in school for the year.

What a fantastic week we had last week! The new Reception children made a super start to life at Stamford Green and it has been excellent to see them enjoying exploring their new school. We have been very proud to see lots of examples of resilience, friendship and kindness from the newest members of our school.

All the classes have been wonderfully confident and independent when coming into school. Today the children have practiced making their way straight to class from the gates so that on Tuesday drop off they will be able to say goodbye to you at the gate and make their way to their classrooms independently as the rest of the school does (rather than lining up).

The Reception staff will be on hand along the route to make sure that everyone is heading in the right direction. You can help them by saying goodbye and waving them through the gate, then leaving (rather than waiting and waving until they are out of sight). This means they are able to concentrate on making their own way to the classroom for their day, rather than looking back towards the gate.

From Wednesday we look forward to having all the children in for the full school day. The gates are open in the mornings from 8.35am – 8.40am and there are plenty of helpers on hand to make sure all the children get to class. If you drop off at the East Gate you may like to be warned that while Christ Church Mount is a residential road, it is still well-used and it's busy at school drop off and collection. We recommend that you keep your child very close to you at the front of the school, to avoid the risk of an accident when cars are moving so close to the children.

This week children will begin to bring home story books for you to enjoy together. This is a way for children to begin the routine of changing their books independently at school, thinking about stories and having a 'reading time' at home each day. Learning Journals will be handed out and we ask that you write a short positive comment in the relevant day to record the reading that your child has done at home. You could write any comments that they made about the story.

Thank you for holding up your child's name sign at the gate when you collect them. This is most helpful for us, and will be especially important when they are all leaving at a similar time to the rest of the school.

If you are a parent/carer who is not yet part of the class WhatsApp group and would like to be, please contact Mrs Gibb in the school office and she will be able to put you in touch with your PTA Class Rep. This group is a great place for reminders about things happening at school and a good way to feel part of the school community.

This week's learning in Reception at a glance:

Learning Question of the week:

Welcome to the 'Learning Question of the week' section of our weekly information letter. Here you will see an enquiry question which will be linked to the things we are learning over the week. This will help you to talk to your child about what they are doing at school each week and to reinforce topics, themes and ideas at home. For example, you might look at books together or have conversations to extend their understanding of each theme. Next week we will begin with 'Fantasy Lands' and the familiar story of the Three Little Pigs.

At school this week we will be continuing to explore the Reception learning space - trying out more of the activities that are on offer, and talking about how to learn and play together successfully. We will also begin our Read Write Inc. phonics sessions, Maths lessons and Maths Meetings. (More information below). As well as all of the new exciting learning, we have lots of new routines to become familiar with such as eating lunch in school!

Phonics

The children have started learning the routines for our phonics lessons - Read Write Inc, and participating in whole class Phonics sessions where we are introducing single letter sounds. You can find out about the Read Write Inc programme by watching this short film.

<https://tinyurl.com/37fx29uj>

You will also be able to find out much more about how children learn to read and write at Stamford Green, and how you can support them, at the Parent/Carer meetings on:

Wednesday 8.10.25 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Thursday 9.10.25 8.45am – 9.45am

See [Dates for Diaries](#)

Reading

In your child's bookbag this week you will find a journal and a story book to be shared each day with your child at home. The story books will be changed in school so please ensure that this pack along with the journal is in the bookbag every day. Please record the stories you share.

Please attend one of these sessions. They are extremely useful for all parents/carers helping their children become confident readers. This week we will be learning about the sounds m, a, s, d:



Maisie, mountain, mountain



Around the apple and down the leaf



Slither down the snake



Around the dinosaurs bottom and up to his neck

together in your child's journal.

Maths

In maths this week we will be focusing on the number 1. As well as recognising and writing the digit 1, we will look at other ways to represent it, how to spot it in lots of situations and how to find one more.

We also have a daily class 'Maths Meeting'. The Maths Meeting activities help us to develop key mathematical skills such as reasoning and comparing. Here is an example of what we look at together. In the green boxes are some of the types the questions we may talk about.

Today is Tuesday.



We think about:

How many stars can you see? How do you know? How many would we have with one more? One less?

We think about:

Which one do you think is the odd one out?

Someone might say "The cat is the odd one out because it is a land animal and the rest live in the sea".



We think about:

Can you identify the pattern of the bears? Can you continue the pattern in both directions?

The pattern is green, blue, green, blue...

There are two parts before the pattern repeats itself so we call this a two-part repeating pattern.

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs Price

YR Class Teachers

Our Reading Heroes make a difference at Stamford Green!

Would you like to join our intrepid team?

Do you have some time each week when you could volunteer to help children practise their reading in school?

It's lots of fun!

Come along to our coffee morning to find out more.

Wednesday 17th September 2025

8.45 am – 9.45 am

In the Clubhouse



Some important information for you:

What will your child need at school everyday?



Waterproof coat-
Even if it is sunny, your coat needs to be in school.

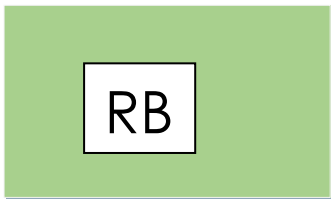


Bookbag – you are allowed one keyring on your bookbag.



Named water bottle – please remind your child that this shouldn't be in their bookbag. Please use a non-spill, plastic water bottle.

Class sign for collection-
Your child will have brought home a coloured sign with their name and class on. Please bring this to hold up at the gate when you collect your child each day. This will enable a smooth and quick pick up for the children and their teachers.



Fruit/ veg snack-
When your child is full time please put a small fruit or vegetable snack in your their bookbag for them to eat at snack time. During the Staggered Entry Period you may provide fruit if you would like to but school fruit will be provided



Spare underwear and socks-
Please put a spare pair of pants/ knickers and socks in your child's bookbag just in case!