



14 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 14.9.26

Class Open Time next week

Tuesday 22.9.26
2.50 pm – 3.10 pm

OR

Thursday 24.9.26
2.50 pm – 3.10 pm

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

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.
- Hair bands and clips should be school uniform colours.

Other

PE kits and wellies should be
brought into school this Tuesday
15.9.25 please.

Please remember to book your
child's school lunches using the
Scopay app.

If you are having any difficulties
with this, please ask a member
of the office team.

Thank you!

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. The children have practised making their way straight to class from the gates so that on Wednesday 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, waving through the gate and 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, 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. We recommend that you keep your child close to you when approaching the front of the school, as the morning rush can be very busy with a lot of traffic and moving cars. Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

This week children will bring home their Learning Journal and a new story book each day 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. We ask that you write a short, positive comment in the relevant day of the journal to record the reading that your child has done at home.

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 the school office and they 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 exciting new 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 clip. <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:

Tuesday 6 October 7.00pm – 8.00pm or

Wednesday 7 October 8.45am – 9.45am

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, t:



Maisie, mountain, mountain



Around the apple and down the leaf



Slither down the snake



Around the dinosaurs bottom and up to his neck



Down the tower, across the tower

Reading

In your child's bookbag this week you will find a Learning 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 Learning Journal is in the bookbag every day. Please record the stories you share together in your child's Learning 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 discuss.

Today is Tuesday.



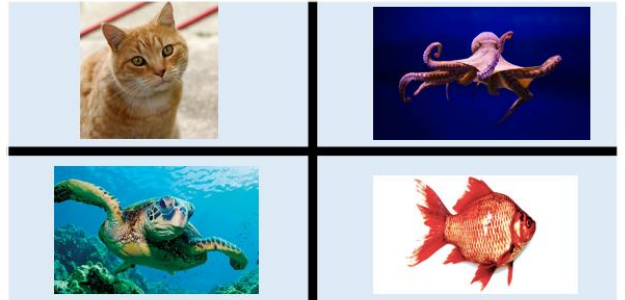
We think about:

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.

Class Open Time

Next week is the first 'Class Open Time' of the year for Reception. This is a chance for you to visit your child's classroom just before the end of the school day so your child can show you around and talk to you about the classroom environment. You can choose one of the two dates (Tuesday 22.9.26 or Thursday 24.9.26) at 2.50pm to come into the classroom with your child before leaving with them at the end of the school day (3.10pm). Please do not attend both, as the classrooms can get very busy and it can be overwhelming for the children.

If you would like to attend please come to the East Gate or upper West Gate at 2.50pm when the gates will be opened. Unfortunately, we don't have capacity to staff the gate for the whole of class open time, so please ensure you are there promptly.

As Class Open Time is a change to the usual routines, you may wish to talk through what will happen with your child in advance - including that on the day that you aren't visiting, some other children will have their families there. The teachers will be looking after the children that are without their parents/carers so will not be available for individual conversations. There will be further opportunities to discuss your child's learning at the Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations (PCTC). The Reception teachers will also attend the PTA Stay and Play event on Friday 25 September, where there will be an opportunity to catch up with them. More information from the PTA will follow shortly. We look forward to seeing you!

Have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Mrs Davis, Miss Ocrafft and Mrs Price
Reception Class Teachers