Stamford Green
Primary School and Nursery

2 November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 2.11.26

Parent/Carer Teacher Consultations (PCTCs)

Wednesday 4.11.26 and Thursday 12.11.26 for families who have booked. These meetings are for adults only. Please do not bring any children along to these meetings.

Show and Tell

Starting this week! **Red** group will have their turn first on Friday 6.11.26
See details below.

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 13 November. Please remember to wear suitable footwear and clothes that can be removed easily when going to the toilet.

Safety Message

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility so this morning at approximately 8.40am, a parent made us aware of an adult whose demeanour was a cause for concern. They were walking between Christ Church Mount and the path that leads to the East Gate. They did not enter the school. The parent who raised the concern contacted the police who followed up with us at school. They believe it was an isolated incident. They will be arranging a stranger danger assembly for the children. In the meantime, your child's teacher has reminded the children that 'clever never goes' and delivered out own staying safe message. Please have a conversation at home to ensure your child knows how to stay safe when walking to and from school. Staff are always available to help should you need it.

We hope you had a fun and relaxing break. We are looking forward to the second half of term, which promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities for the children in Reception.

Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations (PCTCs)

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations at school this week or next. This is a chance to have a conversation with your child's teacher about how they have settled into Reception, the progress they have made so far and how you can support them with their learning and development. The children's books and folders will be available in the classrooms for you to look at before or after your appointment in the Studio, which is just down the corridor from the Reception classrooms. Please sign a positive comment on one of the stickers allocated.

As mentioned in the PCTC letter, no children, including siblings, will be allowed to come into school for Parent/Carer and Teacher Consultations. We do not have capacity to care for children during the adult only appointments. Many parents/carers help each other out with reciprocal arrangements for child care. In addition, if your child attends Sunset please note that the dismissal

arrangements remain the same as normal so please ensure that your appointment allows you to be there at collection time for your child.

Reading at home

You will receive a pack in your child's book bag this week containing some resources for you to use to help your child at home. Home practice plays a vital role in supporting children to grow their love of reading and to enable them to become confident readers throughout their school lives. As they embark on their reading journey in Reception your help and support is invaluable. Depending on how your child is progressing with their reading, their pack may include one of the following:

- A card with some 'Fred Games' to play.
- A sound blending book with single words to read.
- A read at home 'ditty' card.

Your child will be given new material each week, which is tailored to meet their needs at this time, so it is imperative that the entire pack is kept in their book bag. This enables us to ensure that every child has what they need.

You will find instructions in your pack but if you have any questions please contact us via email. parents@stamford-green.surrey.co.uk

Reception non-uniform day

The children across Reception have worked extremely hard last term. As a special treat to say 'well done' we will have a Reception non-uniform day next week on **Friday 13.11.26**. Please be mindful of them being able to go to the toilet independently when thinking about an outfit, e.g. no onesies or tricky fastenings please and each child should wear shoes that they can fasten independently. We are planning our usual Forest School activities.

Celebrations



In the coming weeks and months we will be learning about some of the different events or traditions that people celebrate. As part of this we would love to hear about your family's special faith and cultural celebrations. If you are celebrating Diwali this week and you have some photos or items that you could share for us to look at, please email your child's teacher using the parents' email. We would love to hear from your child about what this special occasion means to your family and how they celebrated.

Looking to the future, we would also love to hear about the other festivals that our families celebrate throughout the year – if you could talk to us about Eid, Hanukkah, Ramadan, Lunar New Year, Easter, Orthodox Christmas or any other religious or cultural celebration that is important to you and your family, please email to tell us about it so that we can make a plan for you to visit around that time.

Donations

We are looking for a few items for Reception. If you have had a recent clear out and would be happy to donate any of these items, we'd be very grateful:

- Scooters (2 or 3 wheeled)
- Large sheets of fabric (suitable for den building)
- Toy animals/ little people/ toy characters
- Small world items, e.g. car garage/ farm/ fire station/ pirate ship

Thank you! Please email parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk to co-ordinate this.

Upcoming trip to Christ Church

On Thursday 19 November, Reception will be visiting Christ Church in Epsom to learn more about Christianity and to explore what happens inside a church. This will be a lovely opportunity for the children to discover more about the Christian faith, learn about the importance of the church as a place of worship and ask questions as they develop their understanding of different beliefs and traditions. We would be very grateful for any parents who are available to come along and support us on this visit. If you are able to help, please note Thursday 19 November into your diaries. More information about timings and arrangements will follow soon. In the meantime, if you think you may be able to volunteer, please let us know via email. Thank you.

Learning Question of the week: Why do people celebrate Bonfire Night?



In anticipation of our annual PTA Fireworks event this Friday and Bonfire night, our learning focus this week will be around this celebration. We will be talking about what fireworks are, describing them and representing them in different ways. We will think about why we might see fireworks at this time of the year and how to stay safe near fireworks.

From our Early Years curriculum, the skills we will focus on this week are:

- Read all RWI (Read Write Inc) Set 1 single letter sounds.
- Write the letters when I hear the sound. e.g. when writing the word cat, I hear the sounds c-a-t.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Use scissors to cut in straight lines, either to cut out shapes or make fringes.
- Hold pens, pencils, crayons and paintbrushes using a tripod grip.
- Verbally count to 10 forwards and backwards.
- Begin to mix primary colours to make secondary colours.
- Use talk to work out problems or organise activities with others.
- Use a pedal vehicle that doesn't require balance e,g. bike with stabilisers/trike.
- Follow instructions with two parts without further prompting.

Phonics

We have now introduced all of the single-letter sounds. If your child is not confident with all of these, please continue to practise.

If they are missing lots of sounds, it can feel overwhelming for them to practise. Start by working on one or two sounds they don't know. When they know the new one, add another. Perhaps you could stick post-it notes up around the house with the sound you are practising and say it every time you see it?

They can continue practising blending sounds together to make words by joining in with this 'Fred Game'
Fred's Party: https://tinyurl.com/4usssuhj



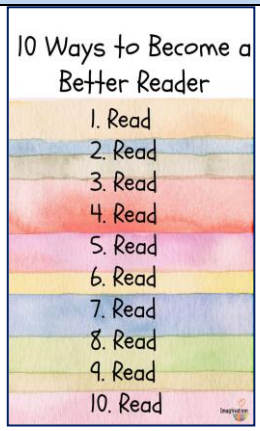
Your child can practise 'b' by watching Ellie and Fred:
https://tinyurl.com/yzj2ke33



Your child can practise 'd' by watching Ellie and Fred:
https://tinyurl.com/5n72xd7n

Remember – to make the most of the videos your child should join in as they do in their lessons at school.

Reading



This week we are practising reading cvc* words and matching them to pictures. If you come across words you think your child could have a go at reading when you are out and about or in books at home, give them the challenge!

*cvc words are words made with a consonant, vowel, consonant e.g. cat, pin, top, man, hat, bus etc.

Concept Word

This week's concept word is: **shiny.**

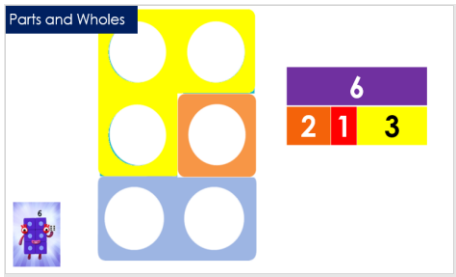


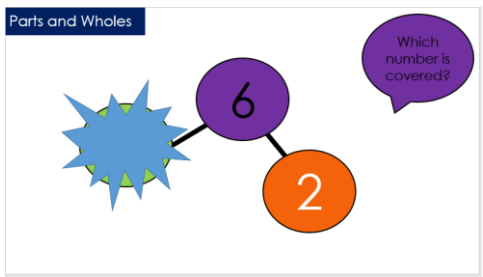
How to help at home: When out shopping, look at the window displays for **shiny** things. Clean something at home and make it **shiny!**

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on the number **6**. As well as thinking about how to write the digit and how to count to 6 objects, we will think carefully about where and how we might see 6 and what parts it is made of (i.e. six 'ones'; a four and a two; a three and a three etc). Can you find the number 6 when you are out shopping, or whilst looking in your kitchen cupboard? What does it look like? Perhaps you can see two threes or a four and a one?







Show and Tell: Families

Show and Tell will begin to happen on Fridays starting with the theme of **family**.
This week, Friday 6 November the **RED** group from each class will have their turn.
Show and Tell is an opportunity for each child to share something special with the class, helping them to practise their speaking skills. The rest of the class practise their listening skills and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Theme: Family

Your child might want to share a picture or drawing of their family to talk about. Photos can be emailed to parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk and should be labelled with your child's name and class in the subject bar.
Please could we ask that children don't bring in anything precious/irreplaceable.
The other groups will have their turns to show and tell as the term goes on – so only the named group should bring their show and tell next week.

We hope you have a lovely week, happy Diwali to those families who are celebrating!

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