Stamford Green
Primary School and Nursery

16 November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 16.11.26

Diary Look Ahead

YR are busy learning their songs ahead of their YR First Christmas performance.

Children will be asked to wear a Christmas jumper (or a festive top such as red, green or sparkly) for their performance. This is not needed yet. Thank you.

Show and Tell

Yellow group will have their turn on Friday 20.11.26. See details below.

Last week, we were unable to access emails on Friday, so your child may have missed their Show and Tell. We will make time for **Orange** group this week.

YR Visit to Christ Church Thursday 19.11.26

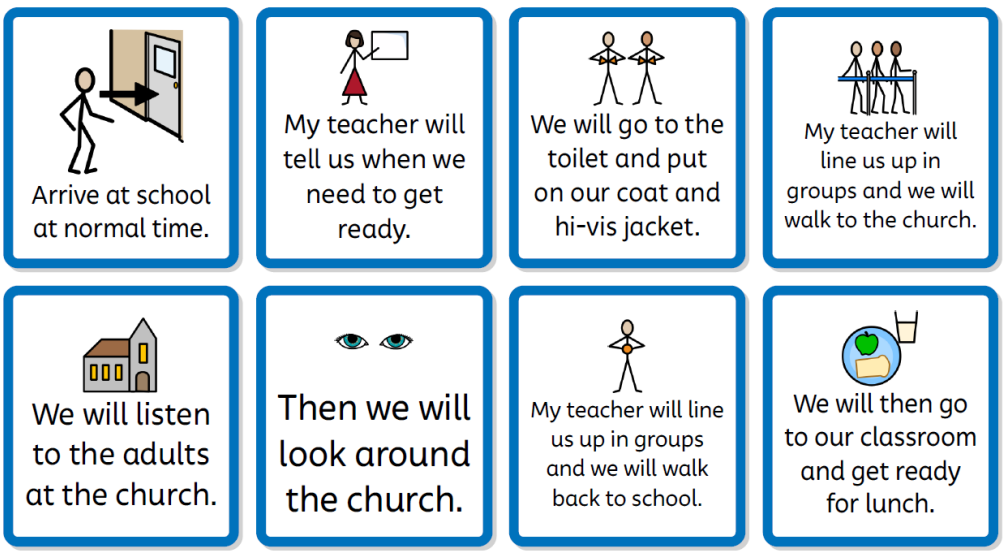
Please ensure children have a warm, waterproof coat (with a hood) in school. Thank you.

Non-uniform day on Friday 20.11.2026 in exchange for some chocolate for the PTA Christmas fair tombola.

We are very much looking forward to our first school educational visit on Thursday 19 November as we prepare to visit Christ Church to learn about how Christians use the church. Thank you in advance to the parents and carers who have volunteered to come along to allow us to make this learning experience fun and safe. These visits are a very special part of our learning experiences at Stamford Green. You can find out more about other Thrive Experiences on our school website.

Below is a social story should your child need some extra reassurance about the trip ahead.

Reception's Christ Church Trip:



⛪ Our Visit to Christ Church

🚶 We're going on a trip!

On Thursday, we are going on a special visit to Christ Church! I will walk there with my teachers and friends. I might feel excited, curious or a little unsure. That's okay! My teachers will be there to help me.

👣 Walking together

As we walk to the church, I will stay with my partner and my group. I will listen carefully to my teachers, walk safely and stop when I am asked. We will all look after each other.

⛪ We've arrived!

Christ Church is a special building called a church. People go there to pray, sing songs and meet together. We will have a look inside and discover some interesting things!

🌈 What might I see?

Inside the church, there are lots of interesting things to explore. I might see colourful stained-glass windows, wooden benches called pews, a cross, candles, flowers and a special table called an altar.

🎵 What happens in a church?

People visit churches to sing, pray, listen to stories and celebrate special occasions. I can look around, listen carefully and ask my teachers questions about the things I see.

🤫 Being kind and respectful

A church is a special place, so we will use quiet voices and gentle feet. I will look carefully, listen to my teachers and be respectful of the building and the people who use it. If I am unsure about anything, I can always ask my teacher for help.

🚶 Time to walk back!

When our visit is finished, we will say goodbye to Christ Church and walk back to school together. I will stay with my partner and listen to my teachers.

🍎 Back to school!

When we arrive back at school, it will be lunchtime! I can sit with my friends, enjoy my lunch and talk about all the interesting things we have seen.

I am ready for my special visit to Christ Church. I can have a lovely time exploring and learning something new!

Learning Question of the week: What is honesty, and why is it important?
What are the features of a Christian Church?



This week we will enjoy reading the traditional tale of 'The Gingerbread Man'. The children will enjoy listening to and retelling the story, learning about the characters, discussing the sequence of events and joining in with repeated phrases. We will develop our vocabulary, predict what might happen next and use story language in our play. We will also have opportunities to get creative and act out the story. Of course we will be decorating our very own gingerbread men. We'll enjoy eating them together at school on Tuesday. We are aware of the children who have allergies and dietary needs, and these will be considered when choosing our recipe.

As we develop our Understanding of the World, will also be looking at the features of a Christian Church and discussing who it is special to ahead of our trip.

We will:

- Ask questions to find out more.
- Share my thoughts and opinions with others.
- Be able to carry objects on different levels – slopes, hills, steps.
- Blend sounds into words orally.

- Recognise and write numerals 0 - 8.
- Label drawings using letters, sounds and known words.
- Use firm pressure when colouring with pencils to ensure a good mark is made.
- Learn simple songs to be performed.
- Develop my strong scissor grip (thumb up to the sky) and cut with increasing control.
- Understand that some places are special to members of their community.

Phonics

When you read together at home please use the phrase that we use in school:
"Fred Talk - read the word."
Your child will be familiar with this phrase and it will help them to feel confident with using their sounds independently.
Try these Fred games at home:
https://tinyurl.com/3npmufvy
https://tinyurl.com/ehttuxka

Most children are now confident with recognising the majority of the single letter sounds. If your child is still learning them, you could watch the following together:
Practise **'h'** https://tinyurl.com/4f3mspun
Practise **'r'** https://tinyurl.com/2ms8ysj3
Practise **'j'** https://tinyurl.com/39z6ppxz

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. Give your dirty objects that need polishing (such as mirrors) and clean them together until they are shiny.

Reading

Some words we learn to read are called **'red'** words. These are words that are not decodable using our usual 'Fred Talk' method. We need to learn these by sight. Please practice recognising these words at home. They are words that you will often see in books.
This week's red word is:

my

Last week's red word was:

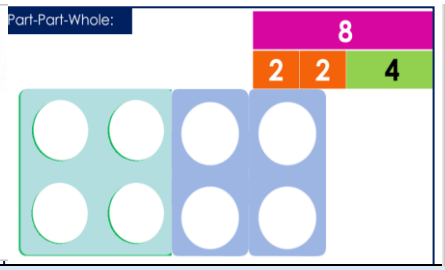
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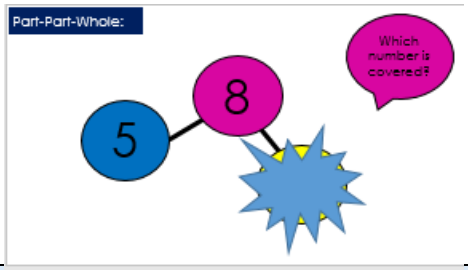
Wow!
Did you know that scientists have discovered that reading aloud to your child can actually make your brains sync up, and helps them feel calm and connected? Watch this 2-minute video to find out more!

Maths

In Maths we will be focusing on the number **8**. Understanding of number is much deeper that just being able to say the numbers in order and recognise the digits. We think about the places that we see each number and look for it in the environment. Can you count out 8 objects and see the different 'parts' that you can split the whole into?







Forest School

Please ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat for Forest School. We go to the field early in the school day, so it can feel very cold. You may also consider gloves, hats and scarves now that the weather is cooler, so that they can enjoy the experience.
At Forest School, we will bring the story of The Gingerbread Man to life! The children will use natural materials to create their own Gingerbread Men, explore and mould clay to make gingerbread characters, and use the outdoor environment to re-enact the story. We will encourage creativity, imagination, teamwork and lots of storytelling along the way!

Show and Tell: Families
Show and Tell is on Friday 20 November for the **Yellow** group from each class and the theme is '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 turn to show and tell as the term goes on – so only the named group should bring their show and tell please.

We hope you have a wonderful week,

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