

Autumn 1 Newsletter



Reading
Volunteers
needed



Welcome to another year of learning and fun!

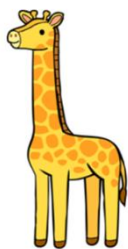
As Acting Headteacher I would firstly like to thank you for your kind words of support I have personally received at the unexpected change of leadership. I would like to reassure parents at this point that all the systems and policies in place will continue as planned, while Mrs Head is on secondment at The Willows.

Mrs Phillips

In Reception our classes are full of excited new learners who are getting to know the areas around the school. It is a big change for many of the children, but they are rising to the challenge of becoming independent learners. The children are supported by a team of experienced teachers and a group of dedicated teaching assistants, who are helping the children settle into the routine of school. Please join me in welcoming Mrs Rose to our Reception team.



Geoffrey giraffe
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tries new things.



Mrs Wesson and her team have once again welcomed children into the Nursery. Nursery times are 8.45—11.45 am session; 12.15- 3.15 pm session and the 30 hr children attend from 9-3. The children are settling well and starting to learn routines of nursery. Their first topic will be, **All About Me**. The children will be learning about where they live, who they live with and who cares for them.

Years 1 and Year 2 have already hosted meet the teacher sessions and invited parents in to see their child's class and learning environment. They have brought home an overview of their learning for this half term; it also lists the subject specific vocabulary words linked to the topics they are learning.

During this half term Year 1 will be going on a visit to Christchurch Mansion and creating a toy workshop in school. If you have any old toys, that you would be happy to loan us, please speak to the class teacher.

Year 2 will also be going on a local area walk and are requesting parent volunteers for Tuesday 26th September from 1.30 onwards, if you can help, please let your child's teacher know.



Clubs for Year 1 and 2 have already begun, this year we have tried to organise them around the most popular activities. The clubs are, Monday/performing arts, Tuesday/ drawing and art, and cooking, Wednesday/Gymnastics and Thursday/Opal play and games. The clubs will be available this year in all 3 terms. As ever they are on a first come first serve basis and must be paid up front. Thank you for your co-operation.

Term Dates

Autumn 1st half term Wed 06/09/23- Fri 20/10/23

Half term Mon 23/10/23 – Mon 30/10/23

Autumn 2nd half term Tues 31/10/23 – Wed 20/12/23

Year 2 26th September local area visit

Year 1 27th September Christchurch Mansion visit

Reception parent's week 16th October

Whole School Photos
Friday 13th October 23



Reminders

If you wish to drop your child directly at an entrance to school, please drop them off at the hall doors. This ensures that the children who enter the school independently through the office entrance can do so easily. **Please do not walk your child down to the office doorway as this blocks the entrance.**

Your child's new teacher may not be aware of collection agreements you have previously made with other parents. Please either speak to them or pop a note in their diary.

The Bramford Lane gate will be closed promptly at 8.50am after this time your child will be registered as late. You will have to walk down Surbiton Road and register your child at the office.

Homework, Spelling and Reading

Reading to, and listening to your child read is a great way to support their learning. Record each day you read together in your new school diary and help them collect the reading rewards.

