

## Reception Newsletter – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Phonics – Level 2

We continued Level 2 of our Twinkl Phonics Scheme with the sounds 'm', 'd' & 'g'. Please stick these sounds into your child's sound books. If you haven't already started using them at home, please do. They really do help children consolidate learning in school and helps children learn to read.

The Parent Support Sheets can be found on our Phonics & Reading webpage along with flashcards for each letter sound: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/phonics-reading/>. We also started to read 2 and 3 letter regular words using the letters we know using sound buttons and our Robot Fingers to help. They can be found on the phonics webpage: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-annes-sutton-coldfield/UploadedDocument/824c6d92-54d2-441a-9096-afbcff56f5b/phase-2-sound-button-regular-word-flash-cards.pdf>

Thank you for sending reading books to school every day. Please continue this next term. During the month of November, children will move to Level 2 books

### RE – God made the world a special place

Our hymn for this week was 'Who Made the Twinkling Stars: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/hymns/>. The children liked making up their own verses – you might like to try to make your own at home. EG:

Who made the elephants?

Who made the proud lions?

Who made the kangaroos?

Who made the crocodile?

We've continued thinking about gifts in God's creation, but focused on God's world in autumn – links with Local Geography Week & Understanding the World.

### PSED & Physical Development - Looking after our Teeth

I hope the children are enjoying using their toothpaste and tooth brush and are remembering to brush their teeth at least twice a day. After half term we will be looking at how we can keep germs at bay in our Hygiene Heroes unit.

### Local Geography Week / Understanding the World – God's World in Autumn – Hedgehogs

The children have loved learning about hedgehogs this week. Ask your child if they can tell you what they know about hedgehogs.

The children thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Secret Woods (Foley Woods). It really is a very special place to visit for the children. They were able to observe first hand the signs of autumn and worked together to make houses for hedgehogs – complete with stairs, slides, gates and doors. Photographs have been uploaded to the class webpage: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/reception-photographs-autumn-term-1-2025/> .

### School Mission Retreat Week – Sisters of Walsingham

The Sisters of Walsingham joined us in Reception on Monday afternoon to help the children celebrate the Jubilee Year. They taught the children a new Jubilee hymn which I have uploaded to the hymns webpage. They've each made a picture of how they're going to show joy to others and drew pictures to help with our whole school collage.

### Building the Kingdom Home Project for October- Creation

Thank you to the children who have already sent in their projects with the focus of God's creation. They are displayed on our prayer focus areas and the children have proudly told their friends what they have done. It would be a wonderful project to undertake with your child during the half term.

### PE Kits

I have sent home your child's PE kits to be washed and returned on the first day after the half term.

### General

PE Day remains Thursday and Woodlands Forest School visits will continue to be Friday's.

The first celebration assembly of the year takes place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. You are all welcome to come and join us, but especially if your child has been given an award – see Mrs Johnston's email.

Thank you for supporting your child in settling into life in Reception. The children are truly magnificent and are amazing me and Mrs Long daily.

Have a great half term break  
Mrs Turley