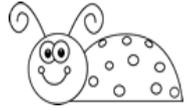


St Matthew's Church of England Primary School EYFS



Autumn Term 2 – Newsletter



Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December 2025

Welcome back!

We have had a great start to the year and we have lots of things planned for next half term too. Here is another newsletter to keep you updated about our learning in Reception.

Uniform

Please ensure **all** pieces of uniform are named. Hair accessories should be navy blue, black or white. Shoes/boots should be black leather or leather look. Trousers and dresses should be grey. As the weather gets colder, please make sure your child has a coat at school every day. Practise putting it on and off and using the zip at home.

Reading at Home and Book Bags:

Thank you to the parents who spend time reading with their children at home. We really appreciate your support and it makes a massive difference to the progress that your child will make.

PE and jewellery

Children will have PE lessons on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr Andrews. Please ensure all jewellery is removed on this day, including earrings.

Reading Café

Please come to our Reading Café every Friday from 2:55 -3:15pm. Teachers will be available to support with phonics, comprehension or general reading questions.

Christmas Nativity

The children in Reception will perform a Christmas Nativity play. You are invited on 4th December at 2 pm to watch the performance in the hall. We will be sending more updates about this event closer to the date, as we might ask you to help us with the outfits.

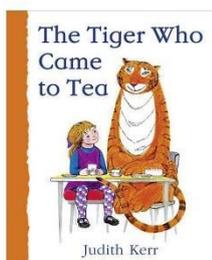
Dates for your diary

- 18th November – 8:45pm in hall - Reading and Phonics Information Session for parents
- 4th December – Nativity Play for the parents
- 18th December – Christmas Party
- 19th December – Last day of school

Curriculum

Our theme for this half term is 'Favourite Stories', which will inspire much of our learning up until Christmas.

A brief overview of our learning for the next few weeks is given below:



We're Going on a Bear Hunt



Literacy (reading and writing)	Focus texts: We're Going on a Bear Hunt (Power of Reading text), Gruffalo, Goldilocks and Three Bears
Phonics	e u r h b f ff l ll ss j v w x y z Red words: the, I, to, go, no, into
Communication and Language	Key vocabulary related to our books, opposites, speaking and listening skills.
Maths	Exploring, in depth, numbers 5-10. Shapes. Comparing size.
Understanding the World	Hot and cold habitats, freezing and melting, light and dark, celebrations, seasons - Winter.
Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)	Celebrating Differences
Expressive Arts and Design	Exploring media and materials. Musical instruments, tempo, dynamics.
Physical Development	PE lessons – Wednesday, Bikes & scooters – Tuesday (Ladybirds) & Thursday (Bumblebees), Ongoing physical play and fine motor activities.
RE	Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?

If you have **any** concerns or questions, please feel free to talk to us. It can be difficult to have lengthy conversations at the beginning of the day, however, we are happy to talk at the end of the day or arrange a meeting via Dojo.