

Reedley Primary School Newsletter – Monday 16th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for the late newsletter. The Microsoft glitch on Friday set us back a little bit.

Last week was another busy week at Reedley, with lots of wonderful learning opportunities taking place across school. We have also enjoyed welcoming families into school for art week again, and seeing the children demonstrate their enthusiasm for learning.



Remembrance Day – Lest We Forget

Last week, our older children took part in a special Remembrance assembly, where we reflected on the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed their lives for others.

We talked about the significance of the poppy and why it remains such an important symbol of remembrance and hope. We very much support the message of the Royal British Legion, encouraging our children to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community, past and present.

The children showed great respect and thoughtfulness during our assemblies, and we were very proud of the way they approached this important occasion.

Birthday Books

We have been delighted to receive three more birthday books! A huge thank you to the families who have generously donated a book to our school library to celebrate their child's birthday.

Our birthday book donations have come from Nusayba, Eesa and Yaseen.





What a lovely way to celebrate a birthday whilst also sharing the joy of reading with other children. Thank you!

Art Sessions – Thank You to Our Families

Last week saw the final sessions of our art activities, and we would like to say a very big thank you to all the families who have been able to join us.

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school to share in the children's creative experiences. The children have thoroughly enjoyed having their families involved, and we are very grateful for the time you have given to support these sessions.




Anti-Bullying Week

This week, we will be marking **Anti-Bullying Week** across school.

Throughout the week, we will be reminding children what bullying means and helping them understand the difference between bullying and other situations, such as someone being unkind or falling out with a friend.

Our key message will be that **children should always tell a trusted adult if something is upsetting or worrying them**, whether it is bullying or simply an unkind comment.

We want every child at Reedley to feel safe, happy and valued. We will also be reminding children of the importance of kindness, respect and looking after one another.

Our New Behaviour Curriculum

This week, we have begun introducing our new Behaviour Curriculum across school.

Mrs Watson, our PSHE leader, has planned a range of sessions to help children understand why we have rules and expectations and how these help everyone to feel safe, happy and ready to learn.

Each week, children will focus on a particular behaviour or school rule. These will be explicitly taught, discussed and practised so that every child understands what is expected and why it matters.

Our approach is very much about teaching, practising and praising positive behaviour, rather than simply expecting children to know what to do.

We look forward to sharing more about this with families over the coming weeks.

Cricket Class

This week, the Crickets have been busy with a range of exciting activities. As part of the Remembrance Day learning, the children explored the importance of remembering those who have served and worked together to create a large poppy display. They also took part in a variety of thoughtful Remembrance Day activities.

In Design and Technology, the children completed their healthy eating topic by making their own healthy pasta salads. They enjoyed preparing the ingredients and, of course, tasting their creations at the end of the lesson.

They would also like to thank all the parents who joined them for Art Day. Children and adults worked together to create self-portraits inspired by the work of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, using fruits and vegetables to produce some wonderfully creative artwork.







Attendance Matters

A huge well done to the Y4 Narwhals who had a great 97.7% attendance last week.

Congratulations to Y6 Hoopoes (97.2%) and Y6 Huskies (97.1%) who took 2nd and 3rd places.

Our whole school attendance has dipped to 93.09% with only five classes achieving above 96% attendance.

Class	Attendance
🥇 Y4LN Narwhals	**97.70%**
🥈 Y6CH Hoopoes	**97.22%**
🥉 Y6VH Huskies	**97.13%**
Y3EP Penguins	96.93%
Y1LC Canaries	96.71%
Y1IL Lions	94.65%
RGB Ducklings	92.54%
Y2US Swans	92.34%
Y2JC Cranes	91.11%
Y5CE Ermines	91.04%
RCK Chicks	90.73%
Y5NM Meerkats	90.62%
Y3CE Elephants	88.51%
Y4AW Wolves	85.60%
WHOLE SCHOOL	**93.09%**

Finally...

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive school community, and it has been particularly lovely to see so many families joining us for activities over recent weeks.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Sarah Bell,
Headteacher



Key Dates	
Monday 16th November	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 23rd November	Road Safety Week
Monday 23rd November	School photographs
Tuesday 24th November	Y4 trip to the cinema
Wednesday 2nd December	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Nativity Performance
Thursday 3rd December	2.15pm Y1 and Y2 Nativity Performance
Thursday 3rd December	Y4 Wolves Trip to Queen St Mill
Friday 4th December	Y4 Narwhals Trip to Queen St Mill
Friday 4th December	Non uniform day in return for chocolate donations
Tuesday 8th December	2.30pm Reception Singing Christmas Songs for Families
Wednesday 9th December	9.15am Reception Singing Christmas Songs for Families
Wednesday 9th December	Y6 trip to a pantomime
Thursday 10th December	3.40pm – 4.40pm Christmas Fair
Friday 11th December	School Choir singing at Tesco
Tuesday 15th December	Family Christmas craft activity being run by Lancashire Adult Learning – limited places available – more details to follow
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Dinner
CHRISTMAS CLOSURE	School will be closed from **Monday 21 December 2026** and will reopen to children on **Tuesday 5 January 2027**.

Attendance Matters

A great education starts with great attendance. Every lesson counts and being in school every day helps children make the most of every opportunity.

◇ Please notify the school office before 8.50am if your child is absent.

◇ Tell us the specific reason for the absence so that we can meet our safeguarding responsibilities.

◇ You can phone, message on School Spider or notify us on Studybugs.

◇ Arrive on time every day. Even being a few minutes late can add up to lost learning over the year.

◇ Holidays during term time are not normally authorised and can have a significant impact on children's progress.

Thank you for your support in helping our children to attend, achieve and thrive.

If You're Concerned About Something…

We want to work in partnership with you.

If you are ever worried, unhappy or need clarification about a situation, please follow this order of contact via the school office:

- **Class Teacher** – your first point of contact

- **Phase Leader** – if further support is needed:

  - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – **Miss Hume**
  - Years 3 & 4 – **Mrs Watson**
  - Years 5 & 6 – **Mrs Hornby**

Other staff members are available to help; however, your child's class teacher and Phase Leader will know them best and should usually be your first point of contact.

- **Assistant Headteacher** – Miss Hume
- **Deputy Headteacher** – Mrs Gorrell
- **Headteacher** – Mrs Bell

We're here to help and will always do our best to resolve any concerns quickly and fairly.