



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025



We had a wonderful Autumn 1 term, learning about: 1, 2, 3; starting our phonics lessons; finding out about where we live, our past and the season Autumn. The children settled in really well, picked up the routines quickly, and made new friendships.

This half-term our learning continues with a new topic, and different experiences. We will be performing our Christmas sing-a-longs, and hosting some festive activities which you can be part of, so please look out for future dates. Don't forget to keep an eye on the school 1 spider- and Tapestry for events, dates, activities and much more.



Topic this half-term is 'Castles, Knights and Dragons'.

We are finding about castles. We are listening to and re-enacting stories of long ago! We are learning about shapes, numbers 4 and 5, one more and one less and time. We are talking about the similarities and differences between things in the past and our experiences. As scientists we are investigating change!

Look out for the Knowledge Organisers on the class pages on School Spider for more details.

Phonics The children have been joining in with a phonics group which are suitable for their skills and knowledge.

They are assessed by the Reading Lead frequently to ensure the children are in a group that is a suitable level of challenge and support to enable each one to make progress. In the book bags and on Tapestry, the children have additional activities to support their phonics skills. As the children progress they will receive books. These books are sent home every day, so each evening the children can practice their reading skills with you. The books need to come back into school every day, so they can be used.

If your child is absent for a session we will encourage you to watch the films sent via Tapestry so they don't miss a sound, as we learn new sounds and words every day. Please support your child to be able to watch and follow the films. Thanks.

School Dinners If you would like your child to have a school dinner you need to sign up to Parents Pay www.parentpay.com and **pre-order** your child's dinner. You know your child best, and what they will eat, so you can choose from a selection each day or order for the week. If you require any help with this please contact the school office. (Reception children receive free school meals due to a government scheme.) Alternatively, you may provide a packed lunch for your child.



Reminder - Juice in school Children are encouraged to have a bottle of water in school. As we are a Healthy School, children must bring water rather than juice.

Times and Attendance: At Newall Green Primary School attendance matters: the school target is 97%. Please see the school website for more information <https://www.newallgreen.manchester.sch.uk/page/attendance/83398>

The Reception door opens at 8:45am, and shuts at 9:00am, as this is when the register is taken. Our school day runs until 3:15pm, after this the door is opened for families to collect children from the classroom doors. The children are involved in activities from the moment they arrive until they leave, therefore we encourage you to make sure they are in school for the full day, every day.

If you are late or need to collect your child earlier you will need to go to the main office. Please make sure you contact the office if your child is going to be absent.

Labels Please may you remember to label your child's belongings with their name and class as this helps us to reunite them with your child at the end of the day or when they go missing.



School Website - School Spider

Have you seen the school website? It is also referred to as school spider: www.newallgreen.manchester.sch.uk You can find out lots of information as it is updated regularly. Reception has its own page full of information, helpful advice, as well as activities and signposts to websites to support the children's learning further. To see additional content or to comment, you will need your parent login. If you do not have one or it has been lost please contact the school office.



Wellcomm The children have initially be assessed and we have be working on the areas highlighted in small groups. For some children we will also be sending activities, via Tapestry, that you can do at home to boost your child's development. If you have any questions about Wellcomm, please speak to the class teacher.



Tapestry is an online learning journal, where photos, videos, comments and activities showing what the children do can be shared. Moreover, we share homework, additional learning activities, the phonics films and activities that can be completed at home, especially if your child is absent from school. We add memos and notices as well, for reminders, homework and information.

We invite you to upload your home adventures and/or learning as it will contribute to your child's journal as a record of their progress. The more you add, the more exciting your child's learning adventure will be to look back at, especially as it can be downloaded at the end of the year! Any issues, please also see the tapestry 'how to' videos on the class pages on the school website. For those families who do not have access to upload, or see the staff observations on Tapestry, please inform the Reception Team.

Passwords are used for the collection of your child. You will be asked to nominate people who can collect your child and a password when you start in September. Please make sure the teacher is informed daily if someone else is collecting your child, or if they are attending After School Club. We will always request a password from unfamiliar person collecting, even if you are related to the child. We do this to keep the children safe.



Book Bags Your child, will receive their one and only book bag. Please make sure it comes to school **every day!** It will have your child's planner in it - please make sure you sign the permission forms within it. In time, you will find a Bedtime Story Book for you to read to your child and talk about what happens, the characters and places. (These will be changed once a week.) Maths homework will be sent out once a week – please make sure it is completed and returned/ uploaded to Tapestry by the following **Thursday.**

Your child will also receive additional learning resources to support their phonics learning at home and school: please complete these when they are added to your child's bag. These will be different for different children based on the stage they are currently at with their reading and writing.

Homework. Your child will now be receiving their maths homework each week. It goes out on a Friday - to be completed by the following Thursday. We understand as parents you will want it to look lovely, or have all the correct answers. However, we encourage you to allow the children to complete it, with your support. We love to see their pictures, writing and work as it develops over the year. It also, enables you to see any areas they are finding tricky so you can support them at home with their learning. We are trying to do a range of activities, both paper and to upload onto Tapestry for homework. We really enjoy seeing what the children have done.

Independence We encourage the children to become more independent over the course of the year. Things like: putting on their own coat, clothes, socks, shoes, wiping their own bottoms and noses, putting away their own belongings and being responsible for them. If you know your child finds things like this tricky, we strongly recommend you practise them at home as well.

Clothes During the Autumn the weather is very changeable, please remember to dress your child appropriately. We will continue to go outside even on wet, cold, windy or even snowy days! Please may you remember to bring in a bag of spare clothes, which are labelled for your child, just in case we need to change them. (The clothes can stay in school.)



Don't forget to bring in a spare pair of shoes if your child is wearing wellies as often the children can get a sore red ring around their leg from wearing them too long.

May we suggest you label all your child's belongings (including hats, scarfs, gloves and wellies) in case there is more than one child with the same set, or if they go missing. Please write your child's name and class initials (RSW, RHW, RRG)

Contact Details Please make sure your child's contact details are kept up-to-date throughout the year. If you are not sure, contact the school office to check or make changes. This includes any changes to email accounts for Tapestry.

Breakfast Club and After School Club. We have clubs at the beginning and end of the day for working families or those who have an arrangement made with school. There is a charge to use them, which is paid via Parent Pay. Please book your child by contacting the school office in advance. Don't forget to inform the class teacher as well, if your child is attending.

Head Lice Please may you check your child's hair for head lice. This is something that occurs from time-to-time in school and needs to be treated as soon as possible.