



Reception Newsletter

Summer 2 2026

We saw the sun, rain and even hail last term enabling us to learn about the outdoor environment, growing, and changes in seasons. In class, we learnt about growth and changes, including planting seeds (How are they doing at home?).

Our topic 'The Farm' allowed us to learn lots of facts, but it was our trip to Smithills Open Farm which allowed us to see real farm animals, discover how cows are milked and where the milk goes. We had a great time!

In partnership with Child Accident Prevention Trust and Manchester Healthy Schools, we considered how to keep safe with cleaning products—perhaps you have heard our chant - Can we eat this? Ask a grown-up! Can we drink this? Ask a grown-up! Can we touch this? Ask a grown-up! For more details about child safety please go to:

www.capt.org.uk



End of Year Assessments In Reception, we invite families to contribute to their child's overall assessments. We do this by using those activities you have uploaded to Tapestry across the year and we send home a handout for families to fill in and return.

If you have any videos or photos of activities your child has undertaken this year, completed homework, adventures or visits they have been on, please may we encourage you to upload them to **Tapestry** with a comment about your child's achievements, so they can be considered in your child's assessments.

Alongside your child's homework, on Tapestry we are posting additional learning activities, and phonics films and activities that can be completed at home. These are aimed to help support your child to make good progress towards the Early Learning Goals and be ready for their journey onto Year 1.

Don't forget, your child's learning journal can be downloaded at the end of the year, which is a great way to celebrate your child's development across the Reception year.

Tapestry Towards the end of the Year, you will receive a link via the email you use for your Tapestry account, which will enable you to download and keep a digital copy of your child's Tapestry Learning Journal. This download link has a limited time period, so please make sure you follow it as soon as possible so you do not miss out. The Journal will not be available after the link expires. (Please check junk mail boxes in case your Tapestry notifications go there. If you have turned off your notifications, you will not receive notice the link has been sent out— so please log into your account to check.)

'Holidays' is this half-term's topic.

We will be extending our knowledge and understanding of the world by looking beyond Wythenshawe to other countries, comparing climates and environments, and discussing our holiday experiences. We also look forward to hearing about the children's past experiences of holidays, trips, days-out and stay at home adventures. Look out for the Knowledge Organisers on the class pages on School Spider for more details.



Transition This half-term the children begin to prepare for their transition into Year 1. We do this in a variety of ways, and take the needs of individuals into consideration.

The children will be visiting the current Year 1 classrooms with their class TA and the current Year 1 teachers for short sessions every week. When the Year 1 teachers are confirmed, they will meet the children to get to know them.

If you have any questions, or concerns please speak to your current class teacher.

End of Year Assemblies The children have been working hard this year, and we are so proud of them, and as a celebration of their achievements we will be hosting a special assembly. Please keep-an-eye-out for the dates.

Summer Please may we remind families to dress their children for the weather. If it is sunny, we suggest you put sun-cream on your child before school, and make sure your child comes to school with a water bottle and a sunhat. Please ensure any items belonging to your child is labelled with their name and class. Children abandon their belongings in favour of feeling warm/hot, or distracted by games/activities. If your child loses any of their belongings, please check the lost property. Please remember to dress your child in their school uniform, or on PE day—their PE kit. If you need support with uniform/PE kits, there are some pre-loved items available by contacting Evelyn via the school office.

Water bottles Children are encouraged to have a bottle of water in school and there is also a water fountain available. As we are a Healthy School, children must bring water rather than juice.

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.

If your child is absent for a session, we will encourage you to watch the films using the QR codes already sent out so they don't miss any learning, as we learn new sounds and words every day.

We will be collecting in the resources before the summer break, so if you have any lurking at home, please may you bring them back.

Additional resources may be accessed by creating your own parent account on the Oxford Owl website.

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.

Wellcomm The children will have their final assessments in preparation for Year 1. Any children who will need continued support it will be included in the handover to the new teachers. The children who have been working with the school Speech and Language Therapist will be reassessed in Year 1.

School Website and Arbor You can find out lots of information as it is updated regularly. The Reception and Year 1 classes have their own pages 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. www.newallgreen.manchester.sch.uk

Book Bags We will be collecting the book bags in from week 4 onwards, as we will be handing them up to the children's next class. We will continue to send home activities which can be completed and returned.

For your children's safety please may we request you do not allow them to play on/use the outdoor equipment and climbing frame at the beginning and end-of-the-day. Many thanks.

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 class 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 head towards the main office to sign in/out your child. Please make sure you contact the office if your child is going to be absent. Don't forget to inform the class teacher if your child has an appointment or if someone else will be collecting them. Thank you.

Please may we encourage families to make every effort to drop off your child and collect from the door rather than the office (unless at BC/ASC). This gives a great opportunity to share information between the teacher and yourself. :)

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, particularly as they will soon be in Year 1 where it will be expected for your child to have a good level of independence.

Homework. Your child receives their maths homework each week. It goes out on a Friday via book bags - to be completed by the following Thursday. We will still send out homework, even if bookbags are not in school for you to complete and return. 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. It enables us all to see any areas they are finding tricky so we can all support them at home and school with their learning.

Boxes, pots and tubes. We are always on the look out for 'junk model materials'. These are things like empty cereal and small boxes, kitchen roll or wrapping paper tubes and clean pots such as yoghurt pots. We will gratefully receive them, should you bring them to school. Please no toilet roll tubes, broken or sharp items, or tins. Thank you kindly.

Physical Education In Reception, we make use of our outdoor space for developing the children's large movements and physical skills. We also have the opportunity for PE lessons in the hall. We ask you to note, when it is your child's PE lesson, they can attend school in their PE kit. Don't forget to bring in suitable footwear for the rest of the day. *Dates may vary due to the time of year and the availability of the hall. For details regarding PE kit rather than own clothes please see the school website: <https://www.newallgreen.manchester.sch.uk/page/uniform/69789>