

EYFS NEWSLETTER



Miss Spencer - EYFS lead
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Welcome back!

During the Easter holidays, our lovely Miss Gartside became Mrs Ross after 33 years with Tristan—huge congratulations to them both. We have had a lovely first week back in nursery following the break, including welcoming two new children who are already beginning to settle and make new friends. At the end of the week, we were excited to receive some tiny caterpillars, and we are looking forward to watching them grow and metamorphose into butterflies. To support this learning, we are reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and exploring the life cycle of a butterfly. In phonics, we have introduced the rhyme *Round and Round the Garden* alongside the phoneme /h/, and in maths we have been learning the language of “more” and “fewer.”

In Reception, the children have been learning about Spring, thinking about how the Rivelin Valley might look different from when we visited in the autumn and predicting the signs of Spring we might see, such as buds, flowers, ladybirds and squirrels. On Wednesday, we enjoyed our Spring Walk, and the children made us incredibly proud as they represented the school beautifully, showing curiosity, respect for nature and great determination as they climbed back up the big hill. They discovered many signs of Spring and later created collages using their special finds.

In maths, Reception have been exploring the composition of numbers and developing their understanding of addition. The children particularly enjoyed playing bingo with dominoes, confidently combining quantities—for example, recognising that two dots and five dots together make seven.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents’ Evening this week. It has been a pleasure to reflect on the children’s wonderful achievements and to celebrate how much they have grown in confidence, independence and ability since September.



Dates for your diary

- **Nursery Open Classroom** - Tuesday 28th April
2:30-3pm
- **Reception class photos** - Wednesday 6th May
- **Fruit Kebab making with grown ups** - Wednesday
13th May 2:15pm

