

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a lovely Easter break and return ready for the final term – Summer!
Our class page on the website has been updated.

Things to be brought into school

A book bag with your child's reading book, labelled water bottle (we can re-fill these if necessary during the day), plain and labelled PE kit in a drawstring bag to be kept in school, labelled wellies, a coat, a packed lunch if that is your lunch choice for your child at lunch times **and a spare set of clothes** for your child to change into. This is particularly important as we head into the warmer months as children are spending increasing amounts of time outside engaging with water and 'messy' play.

Please note that as the weather warms, it is also a good idea to send your child with a sun hat and pre-suncreamed as we are unable to apply this to children.

PE –Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon

Our PE days remain the same as last term. Our policy on earring wearing during PE sessions has been updated to include the total removal of earrings once healing has occurred. If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure all earrings are removed on PE days or that if they are newly pierced, taped upon arrival. Regrettably, we will have to ask children to sit out for PE sessions if they arrive wearing earrings. Please ensure all other jewellery is taken off beforehand. Our PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts/leggings and plimsoles in a drawstring bag.

Reading

It is really important that reading continues daily in EYFS. The children have now learnt a majority of all the sounds they need to know, and we are constantly, building, reading and writing a variety of words. Please continue to keep up with reading at least 3 times a week. Please continue to help your child to speak in full sentences when describing and discussing the pages and support your child to 'say the sounds and read the word' when word books have been given. Any time you have read with your child, please date, sign and write a comment in the diary which we will then check. They do not have to finish the book in 1 day. They could read 1 page on one evening, 2 pages another evening and back to 1 page on the third evening. We will move your child's face on our reading chart every time you hear them read at home. If your child has read 3 or more times in a week, they will receive 1 house point on their sticker chart. We also advise that your child reads their book twice, in order to develop fluency and practise answering questions as part of reading comprehension. We will hear all children read during the week.

Parent workshop

We will be welcoming parents and carers in later this term to take part in an outdoor creative session. We do hope you will be able to join us. We hope to spend some time out in our schools' wooded area engaging with nature, building and exploring as well as being creative and having fun. Confirmation of this date is to follow in Foundation's Weekly Update.

Prayer Week

We are excited to share that we will be hosting a Prayer Week the week commencing **18th May**. This will be an opportunity for children right across the school to engage with the development of 'Fruits of the Spirit'; distinct character traits achieved by a combination of personal effort and in abiding with Christ.

Each class will have a prayer station established to support the development of a particular trait. Foundation's prayer station for example will be looking at **kindness**. Children will have an opportunity to visit other prayer stations around the school and parents/carers will also be invited in to participate. Please look out in Foundation's Weekly Update and the school's Friday Flyer for more information on dates and times.

School trip – Manor Farm, East Leake

Our school trip has been booked for **Monday 22nd June 2026**. Please put this date in your diaries and ensure payment has been made in good time on Arbor. If you need any assistance with payments, please see the school office.

If there is anything you are unsure about or have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day once the children are released. We are very proud of all the children and look forward to the last few months with them. Thank you for your continued support to give the best possible opportunities and experiences for your children!

Kind Regards,

The EYFS Team