

Dates to remember



- Tuesday 20th January – School nurse in to monitor height and weight.
- Tuesday 10th February – safer internet day.
- Friday 13th February – Reports go out.
- Friday 13th February – Last day before the half term.
- Monday 23rd February – Return to school.
- Wednesday 25th February & Thursday 26th February Parents evening.
- Friday 27th March – finish spring term.

PE

All Reception classes have PE once a week: -

RTA – Wednesday

RJB– Friday

All children should come to school in their PE kit on their class's allocated PE day as they will be taking part in lots of active sessions.



Reading

Please bring your child's book bag to school every day. The children will continue to take home a '**Set book**' each week which will be changed every Friday and should be returned before the following Friday. Please sign your child's reading diary every time they read their book to you (minimum 3x a week). It is really important that your child practices their '**Set Book**' regularly to help them to build and retain the skill of segmenting and then blending the sounds back together.

Your child will also have a **Library book** which will be changed every Friday, along with a '**read together**' book.

If you want to dive into anymore reading books, you can access some great free books on these websites:

- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>
- <https://www.getepic.com/>

We have also included the Little Wandle website for you to look at which may help with how to pronounce the phonemes.

- <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Forest Lodge Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

2026 Spring Term Reception Newsletter

We all had a fantastic end to last term with our Christmas nativity and lots of exciting events happening in school

As always, if you have any questions about your child's time at school, please do not hesitate to ask us. All members of the Reception staff will be available to talk to you on the playground each morning, or again at the end of the school day after dismissal.

Reception staff:

- Mrs Toone (Teacher)
- Miss Andrews (Teacher)
- Mr Butler (Teacher)
- Miss Green (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Blackwell (Teaching assistant)
- Miss White (PM Teaching assistant)
- Miss Coe (AM Teaching Assistant)
- Miss Tailor (SEND support)

Topics

Our topic for Spring 1 is 'Long, Long Ago'. We will be learning about lots of past events, such as when we were babies, toys, transport and dinosaurs, as well as following the children's own interests.



Our topic for Spring 2 will be 'Food, Glorious food'. We will be learning about where our foods come from, a healthy diet, foods from around the world and Easter.



Events to look out for....

A pop dance event – Friday 16th January

Trip to Manor Farm – Wednesday 15th April

Jungle Jo – Wednesday 20th May

Pirate workshop – Wednesday 1st July

Packed lunches

Forest Lodge is a healthy school.

We encourage our children to choose a healthy lunch. The advice we give to parents is that children can only bring in bottles of water to school, and that no fizzy drinks, food, nuts or juice will be allowed.



School Uniform

All children must come to school in appropriate school uniform, this must also include sensible black footwear.

We would be grateful if clothing could be **labelled with their name**, as children sometimes mislay their belongings and we need to make sure that they get them back.

Homework



We will be continuing to send out phonic recap sheets to help children practice the sounds they have learnt in school.

There will also be occasional tricky words handed out that we have covered in phonic lessons. Please can you practice these words with your children.

Wellies and Macs

In addition to lots of your child's learning taking place outdoors, the children have also been enjoying forest fun sessions. In order for these to carry on throughout the winter and gain the most from them, please can you provide your child with a warm coat, hat and wellington boots to keep at school.

Please could you make sure that they are clearly labelled.