

HEDGEHOGS

AUTUMN TERM

SEPTEMBER 2026

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all our Nursery and Reception families, both joining and returning to Hedgehog Class this year. We hope that you have enjoyed the Summer holidays and are ready and excited for the new school year.

We have really enjoyed meeting all of our families through our stay and play sessions and are looking forward to getting to know you and your children more over the coming year.

Contact

Communication is always important and no question is too small. I am available at the school gate, for brief messages or questions, or get in touch via email or telephone to the school office, and I will reply as soon as I can.

Please let me know if there are any changes to who is collecting your child, either verbally at the start of the day, or via email.

Tapestry

All parents should have received an activation email for your Tapestry account. Please let me know if you have not received this yet.

Please check your Tapestry account regularly as this is our main form of communication, including messages and phonics homework.



Class teaching staff:

Mrs Sterecki (EYFS lead & teacher)
Mrs Coxall (TA)
Mrs Fisher (TA)
Mrs Hunter (EYFS teacher -Wed pm)

Things to bring to school

- A named water bottle (water only)
- PE kit (including spare underwear for any accidents)
- Named raincoat & wellies (can be left in school)
- School book bag
- Send in your school dinner choice slip or bring a home packed lunch
- Sunhat (weather dependent)

Please make sure that ALL items are named.

Wednesday afternoons....

Mrs Hunter will teach the children on Wednesday afternoons to cover Mrs Sterecki's planning time.

Mrs Hunter is an experienced teacher and she will be teaching music and PE to the children.

Toys from home

Please could you refrain from allowing your children to bring in any personal items, or toys, from home unless requested by school.

Show and Tell

We do not have set days for Show and Tell, but are always happy to share pictures, or items, the children have made at home. Again, no toys to show please.

PE

Mini movers will start on Mondays, in a few weeks time, and PE with Mrs Hunter is on Wednesday afternoons this term. PE kit should include shorts, t-shirt, pumps or trainers, outdoor jumper, and leggings or tracksuit trousers please.

Reading

Sharing a story is an invaluable part of your child's development. Please try to read to, and with, your child as often as you can. This can be a range of books from home, school or your local library.

All children will bring home a library book shortly. Reception will also have reading books, with all books being changed weekly. Please could Reception parents record the titles of the reading books, and write a brief comment in your child's home school communication books. These books are purely for reading comments, please direct any questions to me.

LIBRARY

Our library day is FRIDAY each week. Please send in all books for changing on this day. A polite reminder not to carry water bottles in book bags to avoid books getting wet and damaged.



Tapestry & home learning

We use the online platform Tapestry to record children's observations, photos and to send messages. This platform is used to inform parents about your child's learning so that you can follow this up at home if you wish. You can also share their achievements from home too by posting observations.

Lunch Arrangements.....

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a FREE school meal, funded by the government. The menu is on a 3 week rotation with a daily choice of meals. Please read the menu with your child, help them to choose the meal they would like and complete the weekly form to hand to us.

Full -time nursery children will need to pay for school meals, using their school account, or send in a packed lunch.

Resources to collect...

If you have any of the following items that you no longer require, we would be happy to take them.....

- unwanted small toy cars
- unwanted toy diggers, tractors
- old, clean decorating paintbrushes - any size