

The Imps' Class

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 1 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you've had a fantastic summer with your little ones and that they are now excited to start "big school". Every half term, we publish a newsletter like this so you can see what we will learn, activities that we will take part in and learn more about how you can help at home.

What are we learning?

Literacy

After a week or so to settle in, we will begin each day with a phonics session. We will start by learning the common sound made by each letter of the alphabet. We will learn how to recognise the sound, how to articulate the sound clearly and how to write the grapheme (the letter or letters) making the sound.

Maths

We will explore language of shape and measure, copy and repeat patterns and understand the composition of numbers to four.

Understanding the World

As well as delving into the interests of the children, we will have some time this half term to learn about "ourselves". We will learn about our bodies, our senses, our friendships, our aspirations and the people who help us.

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We will learn what the word "God" means to religious people and consider our own ideas about how the world came to be.

Useful to know...

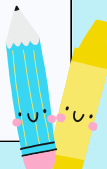


- Bring a water bottle and your book bag to school every day. (No squash please!)
- Bring a healthy snack Monday to Thursday and a small treat on a Friday such as a biscuit, cake or some crisps.
- Your child has a reading diary. Please record every time you read with your child and when they listen to an audiobook as each entry is worth 10 reading miles. Aim for five records a week.
- When your child brings a reading book home, please listen to them read 5 times per week for maximum progress.

Reminders

No shoe laces please, your child needs to be able to remove and replace their own footwear.

Name absolutely EVERYTHING you send in to school. We're good at finding and returning named possessions, not so good at matching unnamed items and owners.



Learning in Nature

Every Monday afternoon we will be outdoors either on our school site or, more often, up at the Jubilee Field. We will be learning about the world around us, learning mathematical concepts and developing our communication and oracy skills in the great outdoors.

All children will be provided with wellies for this so you can keep your own wellies at home and not worry about bringing them to and from school. We have some all-in-one puddle suits for children and some waterproof trousers but if you have your own, feel free to send them in on a Monday but be aware that they will sometimes get extremely muddy!

What to wear

Monday – PE kit – Joggers/Leggings (not shorts on a Monday please), White T-Shirt, School Hoody, Trainers that your child can remove and replace independently.

Tuesday – PE Kit as above but shorts are fine if the weather is nice.

Wednesday – Normal school uniform with black shoes that your child can remove and replace independently

Thursday – Normal School Uniform

Friday – PE Kit as above.

Who to talk to

Mrs Stead for anything related to the classroom – lost property, learning related questions, friendship related questions, health information, Seesaw

Office Staff for anything related to school dinners, financial queries, SCOPAY

Mrs Stead AND Office staff for messages about attendance, illness, medical appointments etc.

Contact us via Seesaw message or by leaving a message on the gate, we pick these up promptly.