Autumn Term 2026 at Northfield Road – Reception

A very warm welcome to all our Reception families, carers and children! It has been wonderful to see so many happy, smiling faces as the children begin their journey with us. We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding term ahead. We are working hard to ensure that every child feels happy, settled and confident as they begin their first year of primary school. We look forward to getting to know your children, celebrating their achievements and supporting them as they learn, grow and thrive. We are really looking forward to working in partnership with you and making your child's first year at Northfield Road a happy and memorable one.

The Reception Team

Mr Bennett (EYFS Lead and Assistant Headteacher), Miss Hough (Class Teacher), Mrs Holden, Mrs Aston, Miss Stevens.

Literacy and Maths

This term, children will enjoy sharing and exploring a wide range of engaging stories and books, developing their confidence in listening, speaking and expressing their thoughts and ideas. They will learn to sequence and retell familiar stories using text maps, helping them to remember key events, develop their vocabulary and build confidence when talking about stories. Children will also take part in daily Phonics sessions, where they will learn new sounds and begin to blend sounds together to read words. They will develop their understanding of the link between sounds and letters, supporting their early reading and writing skills.

This term, children will develop their mathematical understanding through daily Maths sessions. They will begin by exploring matching, sorting and comparing, before developing their understanding of numbers 1–5, including counting, recognising quantities, subitising and exploring how numbers can be represented and composed. Children will also investigate patterns, shape and measure, including exploring circles, triangles and shapes with four sides. Through practical activities, games, songs and purposeful continuous provision, children will develop their mathematical language, reasoning and confidence as they explore and apply their learning in meaningful contexts.

Dates for your diary…

- Non-uniform day for Harvest: Friday 2nd October
- Phonics Workshop: Tuesday 6th October
- Parents Evening: Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th October
- Flu Vaccinations: Monday 12th October
- Non-uniform day: Friday 20th November
- Reception Snowdome Trip: Thursday 3rd December
- INSET Day: Friday 4th December
- Reception Nativity: Friday 11th December
- Christmas Fayre: Tuesday 15th December

Topic

Our afternoon sessions will focus on this term's topics, **Amazing Me** and **Let's Celebrate**. Children will explore their families, compare the past and present, and learn about a range of celebrations and festivals. Through creative, hands-on activities, role-play, music and purposeful classroom provision, children will have opportunities to explore, express their ideas and develop their understanding of the world around them.

Continuous Provision

Throughout the day, children will have opportunities to apply, practise and deepen their learning through our purposeful continuous provision. The classroom and outdoor environment will provide a range of carefully planned activities and resources linked to the children's current learning, interests and next steps. Children will be encouraged to explore independently, make choices, solve problems and develop their creativity and curiosity through hands-on experiences. Our provision will support learning across all areas of the Early Years curriculum, including Literacy, Maths, communication and language, physical development, understanding the world and expressive arts and design. Adults will support and extend learning through meaningful interactions, questioning and modelling, helping children to build confidence and deepen their understanding.

P.E

Our P.E day this term is **Wednesday.** Please send your child to school in their PE kit which follows our uniform policy. Please note that earrings are not allowed to be worn in PE lessons. Please make sure earrings are removed before coming to school.

Weather

As the weather becomes colder and we have more rain, please ensure your child comes to school wearing appropriate outdoor clothing, including a warm coat. If you would like to send in a pair of wellies, please make sure they are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will allow them to continue enjoying outdoor learning and play, even in wet and windy weather.