

Holy Ghost EYFS Newsletter



Hello Reception!

Hello and welcome to Reception at Holy Ghost. I hope that you have all had a successful start to the year and thank you for your patience with settling the children. In this newsletter we will share our learning, any upcoming events and also give you an overview of what's coming up next!

Reminders

- **Photos:** please could we have a family photo for our Understanding the World lesson next week. This can be uploaded via Tapestry for ease!
- **Welly boots:** please can you provide a pair of named welly boots to be kept at school. Once fully settled, the children will be able to access the Mud Kitchen during freeflow times.
- **Spare clothes:** please can you also ensure that your child has a spare change of underwear and socks in case of any accidents!

Dates

- Wednesday 23rd September: Individual and sibling photos.
- Thursday 24th September: Bags2School Collection
- 6/7/8 October: Reception Phonics Stay and Play

Next Week

- **Phonics:** We will begin our daily phonics sessions on Monday and will start with the sounds: s, a, t and p.
- **Reading Adventures:** Each child will receive a **wordless** phonics book and a 'reading for pleasure' book by the end of the week, in line with Little Wandle guidance. Books will be changed once a week.
- **English:** Our first class book will be *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. In addition to focussing on letter formation, the children will consider the characters' emotions and they'll have a chance to act out some scenes in the book!
- **Understanding the World:** Next week is family week! We will be talking about and drawing our own families (including pets!).
- **RE:** We will continue learning about the Creation Story and considering how we can care for the world.
- **Maths:** We'll practice counting objects and sounds up to 5 before introducing mass at the end of the week.

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Tapestry

In lieu of Show and Tell, each week the children will have the opportunity to share photos from their weekend on Tapestry.

These photos can range from going to the park, to making a cake, to going on holiday.

It is a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their confidence and listening skills.

Please note: it is not compulsory and we do not expect photos every week!



Child of the Day

At Holy Ghost, we use PATHS as part of our Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED). This week the children have been introduced to Twiggle and friends who will guide them through this year's learning.

Going forward, each day we will have a **Child of the Day**. As a class, we will think of 4 compliments for this child and they will get a special lanyard to take home! **Child of the Day** is a brilliant way to build self esteem and develop emotional literacy.

Each child will get a chance and it is not based on academic achievements!

