



Reception Newsletter



Friday 20th October 2023

We have come to the end of our very first term at school and we are so super proud of all of the children for settling in so well. We have covered so much this term and have grown in so many ways. We are really looking forward to the next half term and all the lovely learning opportunities this will bring.

Reading Homework

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the reading workshop yesterday, I hope you found it useful and you feel more confident in supporting your child as they learn to read. I have posted all information including the PowerPoint presentation on our class page under Reading and Phonics. You can click on this link to access...

[Holy Family Catholic Primary - Phonics and Little Wandle \(holy-family.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://holy-family.surrey.sch.uk)

Please spend time looking through all the information on our reading page, you will find it really useful. There are links to the Little Wandle website where you will find everything you need to know about our Phonics teaching including valuable videos which

demonstrated how to articulate the sounds. Please remember, correct articulation of the sounds is vital! Try and encourage your child to 'whisper' the sounds as opposed to 'tuh' 'suh' 'buh' etc. Click on this link for direct access to how we say our sounds correctly...



Phase 2 sounds taught in Reception Autumn 1

[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

What have we been up to this week?

- We started our week reading the story 'The Scarecrow who didn't scare.' We acted out the story in our tuff tray and talked about what happens on farms during the different seasons. We also had fun singing 'The Dingle Dangle Scarecrow'
- We read a beautiful book call 'Leaf Man' and in art we used all our special autumn treasure to make leaf creatures of our own. The children absolutely loved this work! They are bringing their beautiful pictures home today – it really is a very easy activity to do at home and costs nothing as all the resources can be found outside!
- In maths we have been creating sorting rules and comparing amounts.
- In our 'Learning with Jesus' we learned that God loves us and we are part of a family. We made beautiful homes with our LEGO Duplo and even set up a water park for family days out.
- The children took their first reading books home this week and were super excited. On Wednesday we were visited by Year 3. They are going to be our new reading buddies at school. Each child was paired up with a Y3 partner and some children even got to read in Year 3.

- Thank you to those who have returned their cauliflower card forms. A reminder that orders need to be placed online before half term and all artwork needs to be returned to school by 30th October (in time to be sent to the printers)

Phonics

This week we have learned these sounds: **h b f l**

We have learned to recognise the tricky word **the**

The children are bringing home a copy of Autumn 1 sounds today in order to practise over the half term break. You will find this sheet very useful as it gives guidance on the position of the mouth when saying the sound as well as the little rhymes that help with letter formation. Please encourage your child to have a go at writing some of the letters with pencils, pens, felt tips, crayons, paint, chalk or even shaving foam on a tray!

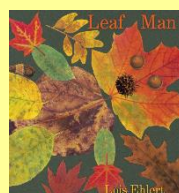
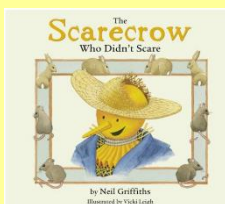


After half term we will be...

- Baking bread and making pumpkin soup to celebrate Harvest.
- Going to church as a class for the very first time on Wednesday 1st November to celebrate Harvest
- Learning the sounds **j v w x**
- In maths we will be talking about measure and patterns
- Learning that we are welcomed into God's family through Baptism.

Recommended Books and Rhymes

(Some of the books we have been reading this week)



Please click this link for all our nursery rhyme videos (we love them!)
[For parents | Letters and Sounds \(littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk\)](http://littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

Reminders and important dates.

- If possible, can you please send a photo of your child's Baptism to jevans@holy-family.surrey.sch.uk in preparation for our RE work next term.
- We are still collecting baskets of any shape or size. As discussed in our welcome meeting, we are trying to create a more 'natural' feel to our classroom. Examples include...



- Lunchtime Multisport for Reception starts on Thursdays after half term for those of you who would like to sign up your child (you will have received a letter regarding this this week)

Important Dates coming up...

Wednesday 1 st November	All Saints / Harvest mass in church. All parents welcome.
Tuesday 14 th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 16 th November	Parents Evening
Friday 17 th November	Reception Class Welcome Assembly – school hall 9.15. All Reception parents welcome.
Saturday 25 th November	Holy Family Winter Wonderland
Friday 1 st December	Advent Mass in church. All parents welcome.
Monday 4 th December	School closed MAT In-Service day.
Thursday 7 th December	Reception Nativity 9.15. All parents welcome.
Friday 15 th December	Christmas jumper day
Thursday 21 st December	School closes at 12.00 end of term.

Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October.