

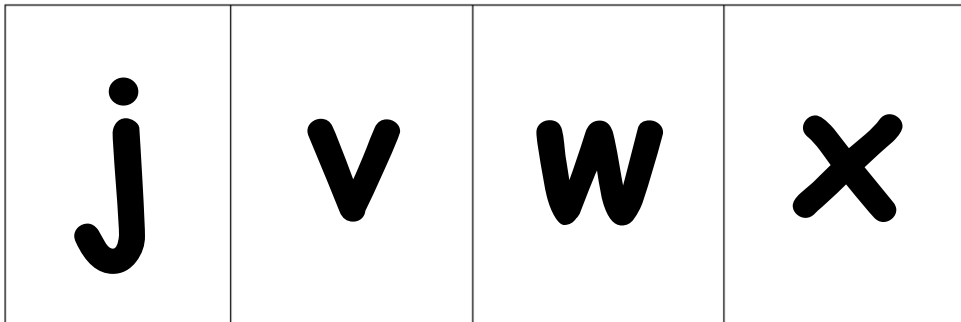
Reception Weekly Newsletter

Date: 2nd – 6th November

Reading and Phonics

In class we are learning our letter sounds and names. Please could you work with your child recognising the letter and the sound that they make.

Please cut them out to play games with...



Our harder to read words are...

he she buses

Oxford Owl online book



Essential
Letters and
Sounds

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/please-log-in>

Reading book assigned this week are: **Ben Helps** and **Lots of crabs**.

Please note these will be set for two weeks due to half term ☺.

Maths

In maths we will be developing our subitising skills and representing quantities in different ways.

Our Learning Theme:

Light and Dark



This week we will be:

- Talking about Bonfire night and learning about Guy Fawkes.
- Thinking about keeping safe if we go to a firework display.
- In PE we will be starting our gymnastics unit and working on making different shapes with our bodies.

Key Information

- Don't forget PE clothes and trainers on the first day back.
- If you celebrate any festivals at home, please send photos to our reception email so we can share your celebrations with the children eg. Diwali, Mid Autumn celebration, Navrati, Yom Kippur

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Homework Suggestion



Encourage your child to look around your home for sources of light. Can they take photos/draw them or make a list of what they found?

If you would like feedback, please send your work in to show.

Attendance Update October 2026

Working Together for Great Attendance!

A huge thank you to all our families for your continued support with school attendance. Our overall attendance across school is currently 96%. It is better than National average, and it is wonderful to see so many bright, smiling faces arriving ready to learn every morning.

While we are pleased with these positive numbers, we want to keep working together to make them even better. Every single day in school is packed with hands-on learning, phonics practice, and crucial social time with friends. Even missing just a day can mean your child misses out on foundational steps in reading and maths that are hard to catch up on.

Whole School Attendance

Autumn 1 96%

Nursery

90%

Reception

MAPLE	95%
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HOLLY	96%
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Year 1

WILLOW	98%
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ELM	97%
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Year 2

ROWAN	96%
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OAK	97%
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This half term's winners

**Willow Class
Well Done!**



How you can help us keep our attendance high:

- Consistent morning routines: Arriving on time helps your child settle into the classroom calmly and start their morning learning with confidence.
- Booking appointments outside school hours: Wherever possible, please try to arrange medical and dental appointments for after school or during the holidays.
- Talk to us: We know that the winter months bring bugs and illnesses, and sometimes mornings can be tough. If your child is feeling a little under the weather but is safe to attend, we are always happy to keep a close eye on them. If you are facing any barriers or challenges getting your child into school, please chat with your class teacher so we can support you.

Thank you for partnering with us to give our children the very best start to their school journey!

More attendance information can be found on the parent tab of the school.

<https://www.blossomfield.solihull.sch.uk/Parents/ATTENDANCE/>

POPPY APPEAL

Once again, from Monday 2nd November, after half term, we will be supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available in the classrooms for a donation. There will also be additional items for sale with suggested donations as listed below. You will need to have the correct money as we are unable to give change, thank you.

Slap Rulers: £1

Bracelets (fabric): 50p

Reflectors – 50p

Help Your Child

Fun ways to support learning at home

A 5 week course for parents and carers of children in Reception and Key Stage 1.

Discover practical and fun ways to support your child's learning at home. Each session will focus on either literacy or numeracy and give you the chance to make resources, try out activities and get tips and ideas to build your child's confidence.



Starting Thursday 5th November
9:15am – 11:15am
(5 weeks)



Blossomfield Infant School
Solihull

We'll explore:



Rhythm and rhyme



Sharing books and stories



Games and activities for literacy and numeracy



Making your own resources to use at home



Practical tips and ideas to support your child's learning

Make resources, try new ideas and have fun together!

For parents and carers of children in Reception and Key Stage 1 



Sign up at the school office