

Early Years Newsletter

Spring 1 2026



Mrs White and Mrs Tracey Contribution

We ask politely for a **£1** a week contribution for snack, baking and gardening. Please pop this in our piggy bank just inside of our classroom.

P.E Days

Our P.E days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Please come to school in P.E kit on these days. Wear trainers and any earrings to be taken out.

Library books

Library books are changed every Wednesday.

Spring 1 2026 diary dates

Monday 5th January – All children return to school

Friday 16th January – Deadline for Gruffalo's Child trip payment

Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day

Happy New Year to you all and we hope you had a lovely break full of family fun times. We can't wait to hear all about what you have been up to. A big warm welcome to all of our new Little Explorers joining us this half term! We're so excited to be back and learning with you all again!

Our next learning topic this half term is

Big Adventures – Traditional Tales

We are focussing our learning this half term around three different traditional tales this half term; Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

We will be hoping to be able to retell these stories in our play and talk about what happens in these stories after we have learnt about them.

We are continuing our literacy and maths learning; we will post as much of our learning as we can on Tapestry so grown-ups can ask us about our learning at school!

We have a letter coming out for an upcoming trip to Mansfield Palace Theatre to watch the Gruffalo's Child – apologies for the tight payment deadline, we were very busy at the end of last half term to get the letters to you all before the Christmas break.

School day timings

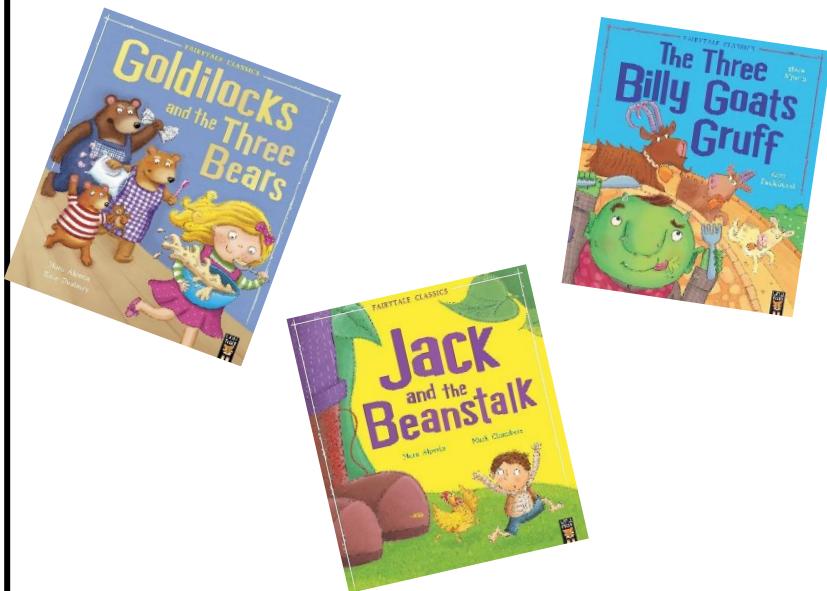
Just a reminder for the start and end session timings for EYFS.

Explorers – morning session gate open promptly at **8:45** and **12:45**. Big Explorers to be left at the gate.

Afternoon session gate opens at **12:40** and **3:40**. Big Explorers to be left at the gate.

Investigators – the gate will open at **8:55** and the children will be collected from the playground at **3:25**. Please leave Investigators children at the gate to walk into the building themselves.

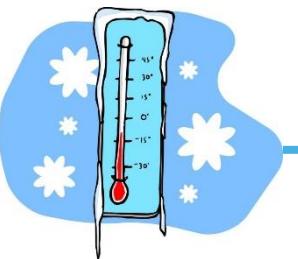
We will be sharing stories and doing activities around these key books this half term!



Cold Weather

Even in the colder weather months, we like to make sure we get as much outside time as possible in EYFS. Please ensure your little one has a hat, gloves and a scarf with their names in as well as a thick, winter coat to make sure they stay warm outside. We have a selection of wellies that they can wear if they are choosing to play on the grass.

If you can support your child at home learning to put on and zip their own coat up, that would be great!



How can I help at home?

Encourage your child to:

- Say please and thank you
- 'Have a go'
- 'Make a good choice'
- Practice putting their coat on themselves and zipping it up
- Get dressed by themselves
- Use the toilet on their own
- Using cutlery to hold and cut food
- Share toys when playing
- Talk about how they are feeling and if they need help, talking to the adults around them for help
- Sharing stories and having a go at talking about the pictures they can see

Please ensure you are registered with our Tapestry system to keep track of your child's learning journey throughout EYFS; we aim to update this as much as possible.

*And any queries, questions or worries,
we are here and around to answer anything.*

The Early Years Team