

Dates to remember



- Tuesday 14th January – School nurse in to monitor height and weight.
- Friday 14th February – Reports go out.
- Friday 14th February – Last day before the half term.
- Monday 24th February – Return to school.
- Wednesday 26th February & Thursday 27th February – Parents evening.
- Wednesday 2nd April – class photos.
- Friday 11th April – finish spring term.

PE

All Reception classes have PE twice a week.

RAA – Monday and Tuesday

RVP – Monday and Tuesday

RJB – Monday and Tuesday

All children need to come to school in their PE kit on their class's allocated PE days as they will be taking part in lots of active sessions.



Reading

Please bring your child's book bag to school every day. The children will continue to take home a 'Set book' each week which will be **changed every Friday** and returned before the following Friday. Please sign your child's reading diary every time they read their book to you (minimum 3x a week). It is really important that your child practices their 'Set Book' regularly to help them to build and retain the skill of segmenting and then blending the sound back together. Your child will also have a **Library book** which will be **changed every Tuesday**.

If you want to dive into anymore reading books, you can access some great free books on these websites:

- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/home/find-a-book/library-page/>
- <https://www.getepic.com/>

We have also included the Little Wandle website for you to look at which may help with how to pronounce the phonemes.

- <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>



Forest Lodge Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

2025 Spring Term Reception Newsletter

We all had a fantastic end to last term with our Christmas nativity and lots of exciting events happening in school.

As always, if you have any questions about your child's time at school, please do not hesitate to ask us. All members of the Reception staff will be available to talk to you on the playground each morning or again at the end of the school day.

Reception staff:

- Mr Butler (Teacher)
- Miss Andrews (Teacher)
- Miss Patel (Teacher)
- Miss White (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Lippitt (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Hussain (Teaching assistant)
- Miss Taylor (SEND Teaching assistant)

Topic

Our topic for Spring 1 is 'Up, Up and Away'. We will be learning about things that go up and things that relate to space, as well as following the children's own interests.



Our topic for Spring 2 will be 'Underground Overground'. We will be learning about different foods that grow underground and overground, changes in Spring season and Easter.



Events to look out for....

A cooking workshop (date to follow).

Packed lunches

Forest Lodge is a healthy school.

We encourage our children to choose a healthy lunch. The advice we give to parents is that children can only bring in bottles of **water** to school and that no fizzy drinks, nuts or juice will be allowed.



School Uniform

All children must come to school in appropriate school uniform, this must also include sensible black footwear.

We would be grateful if all clothing could be named, as children sometimes mislay their belongings and we need to make sure that they get them back.

Homework



We will be setting homework tasks to complete each week on Reading Eggs. New tasks will be set on a Friday and you will have until the following Friday to complete them. Keep working hard on these to earn a certificate at the end of term.

Please let your teacher know if you need your log-in details.

There will also be additional phonic sounds / tricky word handouts given. Please can you practice these words with your children at home.

Wellies and Macs

In addition to lots of your child's learning taking place outdoors, the children have also been enjoying weekly forest fun sessions. In order for these to carry on throughout the winter and gain the most from them, please can you provide your child with a waterproof mac, hat and wellington boots to keep at school. Please could you make sure that they are clearly labelled. A letter has been sent confirming the dates of each Forest Fun session.