



Acorn's Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Mrs Clough
Class Teacher

We hope that you and your child will feel happy, settled, and ready to start this exciting new journey with us. We can't wait to get to know your children and support them as they grow and thrive. A special welcome back to those children who joined us in Pre School and are now ready to begin their Reception adventure — let's have lots of fun together!

We understand that while this is an exciting time, it can also feel a little daunting. Please know that we are here to support you. If you have any questions, concerns, or worries (big or small), we encourage you to speak to us. Messages can be passed on via the school office or a member of staff on the ramp in the mornings. For anything related to **teaching and learning**, you are welcome to contact us through **Seesaw**. Please note that urgent messages should always be sent via the school office, as we may not see Seesaw messages immediately. We look forward to working together to make this a happy and successful start for your child.

Home-School Links

In order for your children to get the very best start at school it is essential we create effective home-school links. We love to find out about your child's learning from home and their achievements. We love receiving pictures and videos of your child's learning moments via **Seesaw**.

On 4th September, there will be a Seesaw drop in where you will receive instructions on how to connect to your child's **Seesaw Journal**.

Home Learning

Once we are settled into routine and Phonics teaching starts, homework will be set for Reception children. More information to follow at a later date.

Settling In

The school gates open at 8:45am.

There will be a member of staff from the Acorn team at the bottom of the ramp ready to welcome you each morning. Parents are very welcome to walk up to the classroom with their child during the first few days to help them settle. They can then begin coming up to the classroom independently.

During these early days, we will focus on getting to know your child, helping them feel secure, and embedding our routines and expectations.

Acorn Staff

Mrs Clough



Mrs Massey



Mrs Goddard



Mrs Hughes

We are all very excited to get to know our Acorns.



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Essentials

Waterproofs



Water Bottle (No Juice)



Healthy (nut free) Snack



All items to be clearly
labelled

Snacks & Drinks

In the Autumn term, we will enjoy snack time together as a whole class to help children settle into routines. As the year progresses, children will be able to access the snack table independently throughout the day.

Children receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable each day and may also bring a healthy, nut-free snack from home in a clearly labelled container. Please ensure snacks are cut into small pieces where needed, especially grapes.

We encourage children to eat their fruit and drink their milk (or water if they do not have milk) before lunchtime. Children are taught to wash their hands before snack and clear up independently afterwards.

Please ensure we are made aware of any allergies so we can keep all children safe.

School Dinners

At this age, many children find it tricky to choose their own lunch each morning and often just copy what their friends are having.

To support them better, we'll be sending out a Google Form link each half term for you to select your child's lunches in advance. This means you'll know exactly what they're eating and can help ensure they're getting meals they enjoy.

The first link will be sent out before we break up for summer.

Phonics Evening

In September, (date TBC), at 6pm, we will be holding a Phonics Parent Workshop where we go through Phonics in detail for both Pre School and Reception children. This is an **essential meeting** to attend where you will receive valuable information on how your children will develop their reading skills.

Clothing

Please make sure your children are dressed warmly for school as they will have access to the outside provision all day.

Birthdays

As we strive to be a healthier school, we ask parents not to send chocolates or sweets in for their children's birthdays. If you would like them to mark the occasion with their friends, you may like to donate a book from the Amazon wish list that we will share on the day with the class. This would then have a Birthday Certificate attached to it, attributing it to your child.



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Reading & Phonics (Reception children only)

As space is limited in the classroom, we kindly ask that children use the Emmanuel Holcombe book bags to bring home their creations, books, and letters from school.

These book bags are available to purchase through our school payment system, **SchoolMoney**. The office will send you details on how to log on in September. Once purchased, the book bag will be passed on to your child in class.

Once your child starts reading books from our reading scheme (this is likely to be around October half term) we will change their books on a Monday. It is important that your child brings their reading book and reading record into school every day so that we can hear them read. Remember practise makes perfect when it comes to reading and a little a day is the best way!

Thank you

Thank you for reading our newsletter. We hope that you have found it useful. Please get in touch if you have any questions. We look forward to working with you all.

The Acorn Team

Uniform and PE Kits

Our school uniform consists of a white t-shirt, grey trousers or skirt, and a red jumper, cardigan, or fleece and black plain shoes/black trainers.

Spare Clothes

If your child is still prone to accidents, it's a good idea to pop some spare uniform into their bag.

It would be extremely helpful if all items of clothing are **clearly labelled with your child's name** — this makes it much easier for us to return lost items to the right person.

