



## St Saviour's CE Primary School

### Reception Class Newsletter Term 1 2025-26

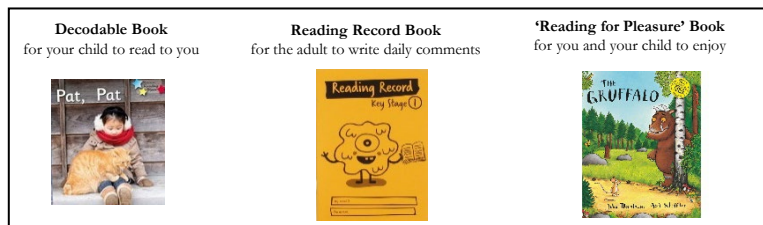
Dear Reception Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception! We're so looking forward to a great year ahead!

These termly newsletters will include all the information you will need regarding your child's upcoming learning and the routines of the class and wider school community. Each term we, in Early Years, will follow a theme for our topic lessons and activities. Our theme for this term will be **'All About Me'** and we will be looking at what makes us unique, who is in our lives that is special to us and our links to the wider community.

#### Reading

Very soon we will be sending home Decodable Books for your child to read with you at home. There will also be a **Reading Record Book (yellow)** for you to record comments on how your child is finding the books/ask any questions in regards to reading at home. Lastly there will be a **'Reading for Pleasure'** book that your child will choose themselves from our class Book Corner and you can enjoy reading together at your leisure.



The Decodable Book will consist of letters they have already learnt in class. The books will need to be brought back into school **every day** as we will be using them with your child in school. The Decodable book will be changed weekly on a **Friday**. 'Reading for Pleasure' books can be changed as and when needed. Please supply your child with a **book bag** if you have not already done so. This is to avoid any unnecessary damage to the books. The children who have been reading at home daily will be celebrated at our Friday Assemblies as a **'Star Reader'**. Please comment in your child's Reading Record **daily** so the staff can note their achievement.

We will shortly be holding a Phonics and Early Reading workshop for parents which will explain this in more detail. You will be sent a separate email about this.

#### Homework

Weekly homework will begin in the Autumn 2 Term following the October holidays. This is to allow the children time to settle into Reception and get used to the many routines and structured learning they are adjusting to this half term.

#### Spare clothes

Please provide **another bag that we will keep permanently in school on your child's bag hook with spare clothes**. In Early Years we take part in many sensory, tactile and creative activities that may require your child to change. They are also important to have in case of any toileting accidents. If items have been used from the bag, please remember to top the bag up with new spare clothes afterwards. If your child has borrowed school clothes to wear in an emergency, please wash and return them as we have a very limited supply of spare clothes for the children.



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## PE

This year our P.E. lessons will take place on **Wednesdays**, therefore please send your child into school already in their P.E. kit every Wednesday. When we have Dance or Cricket lessons later on in the year you are also welcome to send your child to school on those days in their P.E. kit. We will notify you when they begin.

### Water bottles and clothing

Children need to bring a **labelled water bottle every day. All water bottles, cardigans, jumpers, hats, book bags etc. should be labelled.** We have our own lost property box within Reception – if your child has lost any items in class please ask a staff member to go through the box. If your child has misplaced an item at Breakfast Club, Wrap Around or other after-school Club, please enquire via the office.

### Uniform

Please insure your child is arriving to school in the correct uniform. This includes wearing **black shoes** to school. If your child comes to school in welly boots due to the weather, please pack their school shoes as well for your child to change out of the boots when they arrive. Students with long hair must also have their **hair tied up** as part of our School Uniform policy.

### The Early Years Class (Nursery and Reception classes)

Green sweatshirt or cardigan with School logo

Green or black jogging bottoms White polo shirt with School logo

### Snack

We provide a morning snack for the children which will consist of either a fruit or vegetable. This half term, we will also be having an afternoon snack to help children get through the day, so please pack your child a small snack; **we ask for only fruit or vegetables to be brought in.**

Please find below a list of the subjects and the content the children will be learning this term:

Subject	What the children will be learning
<b>Literacy</b>	<b>Texts:</b> 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain' by Verna Aardema, 'Where the Wild Things Are' by Maurice Sendak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The main outcomes are to learn about labels, captions, oral re-telling and how to develop a new character.</li> </ul>
<b>Phonics</b>	Learning <b>Phase 2 Sounds</b> – s, a, t, p, i, n, m, d, g, o, c, k, ck, e, u, r, h, b, f, ff, l, ll, ss. Please see the school website for examples of how to pronounce each sound Learning our <b>Tricky Words</b> - is, it, in, and, the, to, into, I, no, go.
<b>Maths</b> Number	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subitising up to 3 objects (recognising a set amount of items without counting 1 to 1).</li> <li>Counting using 1 to 1 correspondence</li> <li>Identifying numbers that are 'more than' or 'less than' a given number</li> </ul>
<b>Understanding the World</b>	The key questions we will be covering each week are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can I talk about members of my immediate family and community?</li> <li>Can I name and describe people who are familiar to me?</li> <li>Can I comment on images of familiar situations in the past?</li> </ul>
<b>RE</b>	We will be looking at; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Creation Story</li> </ul>



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Who made this wonderful world?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Natural World</li><li>• What is Precious to God</li><li>• We Are Precious</li></ul>
<b>Expressive Art and Design</b>	<b>Mark Making – exploring variety of media and tools</b> Portraits <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Observational drawing</li><li>• Portrait Collage</li><li>• Following Pattern</li><li>• Autumn leaf rubbings</li></ul>
<b>PE</b>	The skills we are learning in P.E. are: Balance Spatial Awareness Coordination
<b>PSED</b>	Learning in our Personal, Social and Emotional Development will be interwoven into our Continuous Provision (free flow time) as well as an important focus in our Circle Times where we talk about building healthy friendships and the expectations in St Saviours.
<b>Music</b>	We are learning the songs; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lining Up Song</li><li>• I've Got a Grumpy Face</li><li>• Witch Witch Stuck in a Ditch</li></ul>

**Please Note: On October 9<sup>th</sup> 2025**, we have a 'stay and play'. There will be an email regarding the time and what to expect! It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to come in and see the amazing learning and environment your children explore in.

As we progress further into Autumn, please feel free to collect and bring in some autumn items (leaves, conkers etc) to support the children with their continuous provision.

I am happy to report that our first week in Reception has been tremendous fun and the children have settled into their new environment so seamlessly. This is so encouraging to see! Thank you, parents and families, for all your support and we look forward to a fabulous term ahead with plenty of memorable learning moments.

Kind regards,

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