



# SPRING TERM 2025

## Foundation Stage

### CURRICULUM LETTER

## Welcome!

A very happy new year to all our families, and welcome to our youngest and newest pupils in Foundation Stage 1.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead. Spring is an exciting time for growth in nature, which the children love to see happening and a time for us to see the children grow too. We have seen all the children develop so much since September and we look forward to seeing how our new children in F1 settle into our Christopher Pickering family.

We are looking forward to the fun things ahead and we hope you will continue to share our enthusiasm in delivering a diverse and interesting curriculum to your children.

Thank you for your continued support.

## Curriculum Information

### Reading

We are glad to see that the children are enjoying their reading for pleasure books that they take home. The children love coming to get their 'library' books. Please remember to return them each week, so your child can get a new one. Even if it's the same one. Children love to hear the same story over and over. It helps embed their story language, as well as provide familiarity and comfort for them.

Some children in F2 are now coming home with a Ditty sheet. Please try to read this on the evening it comes home. This again will support the children in developing their reading skills and build on the work they have done at school. Don't worry if they haven't got one yet... they will soon.

### Physical development and independence

This term we will be encouraging the children to become more independent. We are focusing on putting their coats on and being able to fasten their coats, putting on their gloves and looking after their own property. Please try to practice this at home, especially fastening their coats.

### Keeping warm

Please remember that the children are outside, sometimes for an hour at a time. If possible, please send warm coats, a hat, scarf and gloves. Please label them with your child's name.

### PE kit

Some of the children have started coming in non-uniform for PE days. Please ensure your child has the correct 'PE' uniform on for their PE day. F1 is on Monday. F2 is on Tuesday. Children should wear **black/navy joggers** (shorts in the summer) with a **white t-shirt** and a **navy hoodie**. Please see the attachment to this email for full details.

### Dates

12 <sup>th</sup> February	F2 and KSI disco - during the day at school
12 <sup>th</sup> February	F1 Valentines stay and play 2.00 - 3.00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for half term
24 <sup>th</sup> February	School re-opens
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	F2 Parents evening 3.30-5.50pm
4 <sup>th</sup> March	F2 Parents evening 3.30-5.50pm
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup> March	F2 Stay and Play - Building day 2pm - 3pm
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Comic Relief
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	F1 Easter singing 10.30 - 11.00am
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	F2 Easter bonnet parade
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Hunt
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Finish for Easter Holidays
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	SCHOOL CLOSED - Training day
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children back to school after Easter break.

### General

#### Reminder

Please ensure that your child's name is written on all pieces of uniform as well as bottles, bags and coats.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school with them every day.

#### Beginning and the end of the school day

Please make sure that younger children are with you at all times. The outdoor play equipment should not be used before or after school.

#### Breakfast club and After school club

All children have the opportunity to attend breakfast club from 7.30am each morning and until 5.30pm each afternoon. If you would like your child to attend, please collect a form from the school office.

	As always, can we take this opportunity to thank you for all your help and support. Foundation Stage Staff
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