



# SUMMER TERM 2026

## Foundation Stage

# CURRICULUM LETTER

## Here comes the sun!

A warm welcome to our new F1 pupils starting their journey at Christopher Pickering. And a welcome back to current families to this summer term. We have lots to fit into this final part of the school year, making it a busy and exciting time. Including for most of our pupils in EYFS, transition into the next stage. Whether this be into F2 or into Year 1. Please be assured that we are here to support the children through this time and offer lots of opportunities for the children to become familiar and comfortable with where they are going next. This may include teachers visiting as well as frequent visits to the new classrooms. Some children have already started transition activities, and these have been really enjoyable.

### Curriculum Information

Whilst we are thinking about transition into the next stage, we are very much still working on the key EYFS elements in both F1 and F2. We do not rush the children into the next steps and want to celebrate their learning and progress. Children develop at different rates and we see each child as an individual, catering for their needs. Our focus in both F1 and F2 is still language and developing children's vocabulary. I hope you have noticed that your child has been learning new words, and that you hear them using these in their play and everyday conversations.

#### Phonics

Some children in F1 will soon begin to learn new sounds from our phonics scheme. You could start to point sounds they may be familiar with, such as the letters of their names or m for mummy and d for daddy.

In F2 children are speeding through the phonics lessons. Please continue to support the children by reading their Ditty or small books at home.

## Dates

21/4/2026	Mini Marathon
4/5/2026	Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED
20/5/2026	F1 and Nest Purple Pig farm visit
21/5/2026	F2 stay and play PM
22/5/2026	Half term - School closes
1/6/2026	Children return to school
10/6/2026	F2 children Pink Pig Farm
16/6/2026	Sports day AM
19/6/2026	Colour run
3/7/2026	Seaside Day
6/7/2026	Transition day
14/7/2026	F2 Fabulous finish PM
17/7/2026	Family picnic - last day of school.

More dates may be added - Keep an eye on your emails.

## General

### **NAMES**

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**

Children who are eligible have the opportunity to attend breakfast club from 7.30am each morning and after school club until 5.30pm each afternoon. If you would like your child to attend, please see Mrs George in the office.

### **Snack**

Please remember to pop your 50p in the money box for the snack donation.

### **SUNSHINE**

Hopefully we'll begin to see some sunnier days soon. Please ensure you support us in keeping your child safe by applying sun-cream BEFORE school and sending a sun hat into school. We do spend a lot of time outside. A water bottle is also essential for the summer months.

Thank you as always for all your help and support. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the office or speak to any member of the team.

Foundation Stage Staff