



Hedgehogs Class (Reception)

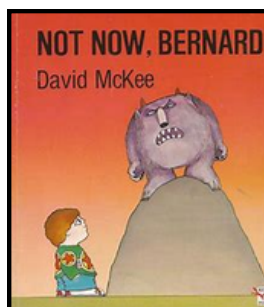
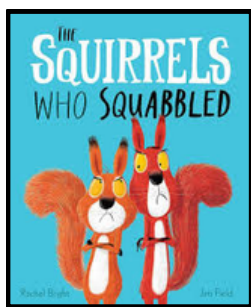
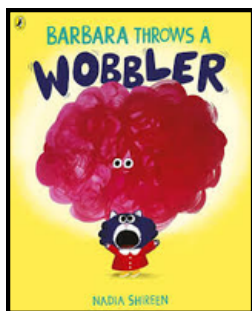
Autumn 1, 2026 Newsletter



What we are learning

This half term our topic is 'Who am I?' We are trying new things, exploring new learning areas and making some new friendships! We will be talking about starting school and all the big feelings we have. We will also be discussing our families, creating family trees and making time lines of our lives.

Our focus texts are:



Our Values this half term are

Respect and Kindness

We encourage children to show respect for themselves, others, and their environment. We foster a culture of kindness, empathy, and understanding, promoting positive relationships within our school community and beyond.

Dates for your diary

- 23 September, 4-4:30pm: Join us in the hall to discover how we teach reading and get practical tips to support your child at home. Free childcare is available for school-age children only. We look forward to seeing you there!
- 24 September: Individual Photos
- 23 October: Staff Training Day
- 26 - 30 October: Half Term Holiday

PE Kits Days

Please send your child into school in their PE Kit on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**. This will begin w/c 14th Sep. Please ensure kits meet our uniform requirements (no wording or branding other than the school badge).

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle every day!

Phonics

We will be starting our Little Wandle phonics from Phase 2. This is where the children will learn to recognise letters and their corresponding sounds.

Sounds this half term:

s a t p i n m d g o c k c k e u r h b f l

Tricky Words:

I is the

We will update you regularly on our teaching of phonics and how you can support your child at home.

Here is a link to the Little Wandle Website:
<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents>

Maths



We are introducing the areas of provision and getting to know the children as mathematicians. We will then be moving on to counting and subitising (saying the amount without counting) to four. Please look for opportunities to practise counting at home and in your local area. This half term your child should receive details of how to access Numbots. This is a fantastic program that teaches Maths in a fun and systematic way. Our KIRFs (key instant recall facts) for this half term: Say the numbers from 0 to 5 and back from 5 to 0 in order.

Let your light shine - Matthew 5:15-16
From Mrs Westfeld and Miss Bednall