

GALLIARD PRIMARY SCHOOL



EYFS: Reception Curriculum Statement and Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

Be the best that you can be!

WELCOME TO THE AUTUMN TERM

We wish all the children joining our Reception classes a very warm welcome. We hope your children will be happy with us over the coming year.

We use an online observation system called '**Tapestry**'. We will set up an account for you and you can download the Tapestry app on your phone to access it. It's a great way to keep in touch so please check in regularly to see memos. We will also upload phonics videos weekly to support your children's learning. Please upload photos and videos from home so your child can share the lovely things they do with you at home. The QR code below will take you to Tapestry.



Reception staff

Bluebell Class: Mrs Brewington, Miss Gosai

Poppy Class: Mrs Panteli, Mrs Bellikli

Daffodil Class: Miss Rankin, Mrs Georgiou, Mrs Smith

LSAs: Mrs Cenkci, Miss Hazal, Miss Liz, Miss Johnson

Assistant Headteacher, Early Years: Miss Aimee Pemberton

Planned Teaching

Literacy

The children will take part in daily phonics sessions, following the '**Read, Write Inc.**' scheme. We will work on letter sounds

and blending sounds together for reading and writing.

Children will continue to practise forming letters, writing their names and surnames and simple sentences. They will have lots of opportunities to engage in writing independently.

We will enjoy a wide range of texts, both fiction and non-fiction. This term these will include Little Red Hen, Everywhere Bear and Oh no, George!

Maths

The children will be subitising, counting, recognising numbers, problem solving and learning about 2D shapes and measures.

We will use number rhymes, games, everyday objects and situations to support the children's mathematical development.

All other areas of learning will be addressed through the children's play during the day. They will take part in a balance of child-led and adult-led activities that will extend their learning and meet the needs of all individuals.

Outdoor Learning

The outdoor area is an extension of the classroom. Children will access many different activities in the reception outdoor area as well as around the school grounds. We have an orchard, a planting area and an array of trees with lots of wildlife living in and around them.

Once a week your child will take part in forest learning on the school field. This involves natural exploratory play with activities that encourage problem solving and collaboration as well as developing children's physical skills and understanding of nature. Forest learning will take place in all weather, so if possible, could you please provide your child with an all in one waterproof rain suit for them to wear during these sessions.

Reading at Home

The children will continue to take home their reading books along with a book from the class library. Please remember to

bring your child's reading folder to school every day.

Please look after our books. There will be a £5 charge for books that are damaged or lost.

Reading and talking about books regularly in English or your home language will help your child's progress.

Clothing

Children spend time playing and learning outside every day – please make sure they have a jacket and suitable shoes.

Please provide your child with a pair of welly boots that will stay in school for wet weather play.

Please help your child become independent by encouraging them to put on their own coat, take off and put on their tights, socks and shoes – give them clothes that are easy to manage.

Please label all clothes with your child's name.

Attendance

We would like all parents to know that our target for school attendance remains at 96%. Please report your child's absence from school before **8.30am** by telephoning the school office and advise us of the reason for your child's absence. It is very important that you report the reason for every absence so we can effectively manage infection control in the school. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Jewellery

Please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery to school. Only small stud earrings in pierced ears are permitted for safety reasons.

School Closures

Autumn Term:

- **Inset Days:** Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – school closed for children

- **Half Term:** Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025
- **End of term:** Friday 19th December 2025 school closes at 2pm

Activity & Department Dates

Communication Pod Activities: w/b Monday 29th September

Photographs: Monday 6th October

Children in Need – wear something yellow or spotty:
Friday 14th November

Reception Christmas Play: Wednesday 3rd December AM /
Thursday 4th December PM

Reception Disco: Monday 8th December

FOG Christmas Concert: TBA

Winter Jumper day: TBA

Carols around the Tree: TBA

Return to school: Monday 5th January 2025