

GALLIARD PRIMARY SCHOOL



EYFS: Reception Curriculum Statement and Newsletter Spring Term 2026

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This Curriculum Statement can be accessed on our School
website:

www.galliardprimaryschool.co.uk-learning

WELCOME TO THE SPRING TERM

To the children that are returning, thank you for all your support last term. To the children that are new to our setting, we wish you a very warm welcome and hope your children will be happy at Galliard Primary School.

We will continue to use **Tapestry** this term and will once again send photos and observations of your children. Please check Tapestry regularly and please also upload photos and videos of things your child does at home. If you need help with logins and passwords please speak to your child's class Teacher. The QR code below will take you straight to Tapestry.



Reception staff

Bluebell Class: Mrs Brewington, Miss Gosai

Poppy Class: Mrs Panteli, Mrs Bellikli

Daffodil Class: Miss Rankin, Mrs Georgiou

LSAs: Mrs Cenkci, Miss Hazal, Miss Liz

Assistant Headteacher, Early Years: Miss 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. During our Power of Reading sessions we will be exploring the following texts; Jabari Tries, Yucky Worms,

Naughty Bus and Astro Girl.

Maths

The children will be counting, recognising numbers, learning simple number bonds, problem solving and learning about shapes, time, money, and measures.

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

This term we will be focusing on numbers 6-10, number bonds to 5 and 10, capacity, length, time, 3D shapes and patterns.

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.

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.

This term we will be launching our Spring Reading challenge for all children to take part in. We hope your child enjoys the activities and we can't wait to see your photos on Tapestry.

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, do up their zip, take off and put on their tights, socks and shoes – give them clothes that are easy to manage.

Please name all clothes.

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 here is 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

Spring Term:

- **Term Dates:** Monday 5th January 2026 to Friday 27th March 2026 – School closing at 2pm

- **Inset Days:** Monday 5th January 2026 and Monday 23rd February 2026– school closed for children
- **Half Term:** Monday 16th February 2026– Friday 20th February 2026
- **Easter Holidays:** Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026

Activity & Department Dates

Dress up & special jungle lunch: Thursday 15th January

Read, Write inc presentation for parents:
Friday 16th January @ 2.45 in the large hall

Parent reading sessions:

This is an opportunity to share a story or to listen to a whole class story with your child.

These sessions will take place in your child's classroom at 3.00. Please wait at the Reception gates.

Thursday 15th January 2026
Tuesday 28th January 2026
Wednesday 11th February 2026

Parent's Evening: Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th March

Disco:
TBA

Class Bus Trips:
TBA