

GALLIARD PRIMARY SCHOOL



EYFS: Reception Curriculum Statement and Newsletter Summer Term 2026

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This Curriculum Statement can be accessed on our School
website:

www.galliardprimaryschool.co.uk-learning

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER 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, Miss Hazal

Poppy Class: Mrs Panteli, Mrs Bellikli, Mr Ejsi

Daffodil Class: Miss Rankin, Mrs Georgiou, Miss Ras

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 take part in daily handwriting sessions and continue practising writing their names, 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, Stanley's Stick, No Dinner and Ruby's Worry.

Maths

The children will be counting, recognising numbers, doing simple addition and subtraction, problem solving and learning about shapes 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 to 20, number bonds to 5 and 10, doubling, sharing, grouping, more than, less than 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 sessions 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 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 and to take off and put on their tights, socks and shoes. Please give them clothes that are easy to manage.

Please label all clothes with your child's name.

Hot Weather

On warm weather days please provide your child with a water bottle and sun hat. Please apply sun cream to your child before the school day. Staff are unable to apply sun cream to your child.

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.

Birthday cakes

A gentle reminder that we are unable to accept party bags or birthday cakes in school. This would compromise our *Healthy*

Schools status and we must also be mindful of allergies. We will, of course, celebrate your child's special day by singing *Happy Birthday* together.

Term Dates

Summer Term:

- **Monday 13th April 2026 to Friday 17th July 2026**
(school closes at 2pm on Friday 17th July)
- **Bank Holiday:** Monday 4th May
- **Polling Day:** Thursday 7th May
- **Half Term:** Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026
- **Inset Days:** Monday 1st June - school closed for children

Activity & Department Dates

- **Hertfordshire Zoo Trip – Tuesday 9th June**
- **Reception Disco – Monday 22nd June**
- **Reception Reading Session – Monday 6th July**
- **Reception Picnic – Wednesday 8th July**
- **Early Years fun day – Tuesday 14th July**