



Autumn Term Bulletin

September 2026

Class: Early Years **Teacher:** Mrs Burr

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the school year. It is a pleasure to be teaching your child this year. In this bulletin you will find key information about the term's organisation as well as what your child will be learning this term. We are very much looking forward to working alongside you to support your child's learning and enjoyment of school throughout the term.

School timings: children should arrive at school ready to start their learning at 8.40am for Reception and 8.45 for Nursery (doors will be open from 8.40am and close at 8.50am). Please bring your child to the steps where there will be an adult to meet them. The end of the school day will be 3.10 for Nursery and 3.15pm for Reception. Please come to the bottom of the step where the children will be seen out one at a time. We will only release your child to an adult (aged 18 or over, not an older sibling) who is known to us. If someone else is collecting your child, you must notify the school office in advance with the date and the name of the adult. Your child's safety is our absolute priority

What to bring to school: All children should bring a **named** water bottle into school every day. A bag with a change of clothes can be kept in school, and all children need a pair of **named** wellies in school. Reception children will need a book bag, please do not use rucksacks or larger bags, we do not have the space to store them in school. Please ensure your child has a sun hat during hot weather, and warm hats and gloves when it turns cold.

Sunscreen - Please note that staff cannot administer suncream to children in Reception. On hot days, please apply a long-lasting, all-day sun lotion before the school day begins.

PE for **Reception** will be on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing suitable PE kit, this should be coloured house t-shirts, black shorts or joggers, PE hoodies and trainers.

Outdoor learning will be on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing clothes suitable for the weather and for being outside for the whole afternoon.

Homework – Reception children will have sounds that they can practise at home, and later in the term reading books. There will be more information about this at our Phonics Parents Meeting, date to be confirmed. Please do try and attend.

Medication - please ensure all inhalers are in school and that they are within their expiration date. A medication form will also need to be completed. If your child has glasses, please can you let us know, and when they need to be wearing them. Any other medicines that they need to take both regularly or for a particular condition, please take to the office and complete a medication form.

Contact – If you need to speak to any of our team, you can send a direct message on Class Dojo, email the office to arrange an appointment or speak to us after school. On our Class Dojo page, we celebrate pupil success and share updates. Pupils have their own avatars they can edit once you log in. Parents, pupils and staff can all connect through this secure platform. Please keep an eye on your email from 'St Barnabas Primary School' for all your updates.

Snacks - We provide a healthy snack for all children every morning. Due to food allergies, no outside snacks are allowed in Early Years. Please do not send any food with your child other than their packed lunch box.

Labelling - Please ensure **everything** your child brings to school is clearly named. Clear labels help us return lost items to your child immediately. This includes:

- Water bottles and lunch boxes
- Jumpers, coats, and shoes
- Wellies, sun hats, winter hats, gloves, and scarves

Thank you for your cooperation and support. We cannot wait to start this exciting year with your children!

Warm regards,

The Early Years Team

Nursery and Reception

Our focus for the first half of this term will be settling in, and getting to know the rules and routines of the classroom.

We will be looking at ourselves and our families, learning about one another and the grown ups that look after us.

Our play based learning covers all areas of the Foundation Stage and we will adapt our areas and resources according to the children's interests.

After half term our topic will be Once Upon a Time, where we will be having lots of fun with traditional stories and nursery rhymes. Our focus books will be The Three Billy Goats Gruff, The Three Little Pigs and Goldilocks and the Three Bears.

We will also have lots of fun at Christmas time, sharing the nativity story, undertaking Christmas crafts and singing Christmas songs.

Reception only

We will begin our phonics journey this term, which is how we learn to read and write. Please do attend our parent phonic meeting to find out more.

Our maths learning is through Mastering Number. This is a national primary school initiative to help children build a deep, secure, and confident understanding of numbers.

Instead of just memorising maths facts or chanting sequences, children are taught how numbers actually work, laying a strong foundation for the rest of their school lives. This is undertaken in 10-15 minute session each day.

We will also spend time learning about the world around us, for example finding out about the Hindu faith Diwali, talking about Bonfire night, the seasons and the weather.

Our PE lessons will begin with basic fundamental movement skills.

How you can help your child at home

At this stage of the year, the two most important things you can do with your child are reading and conversation.

Reading - Please do read with your child every day – this can be them reading stories to you, you reading to them or you listening to stories together.

Conversation – language is a key focus in the Early Years so please engage in conversations with your child. Help them to practise asking and answering questions and speaking in full sentences about things that are important to them.