



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2—2026/2027



Notices and Reminders

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a wonderful half-term break.

Our PE day for this term is Wednesday. Please make sure that your child wears their PE kit to school on this day instead of their uniform.

On non-PE days, we ask that your child comes to school in correct school uniform. Full details about our uniform expectations can be found at:

<https://www.mytchett.kite.academy/parents/school-uniform/>

Communication and Language

For Communication and Language this half term, the children will be learning what a question is and how to answer it in a full sentence. They will be learning how to follow two-step instructions consistently. They will also be taught how to perform to others by learning an unfamiliar nursery rhyme and a variety of Christmas songs.



Key Dates

November 2026

Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th - Y5 Runways End residential

Saturday 7th - FFMPs fireworks evening

Wednesday 11th - YR writing workshop (2:30pm)

Thursday 12th - Christmas pantomime (Y1-Y6)

Thursday 12th - Non-school uniform day (£2 cash donation for FFMPs)

Tuesday 17th - Flu vaccinations

Thursday 19th - Individual and sibling photographs

Friday 20th - Children in Need day (wear something spotty/mufti)

Monday 30th - Y4 multiplication tables check parent workshop (2:45pm)

December 2026

Tuesday 1st - Y6 SATs parent workshop (2:45pm)

Friday 4th - Autumn family forum meeting (9:00am)

Wednesday 9th - EYFS Christmas singalong

Thursday 11th - SEND coffee afternoon (2:30pm)

Friday 11th - Autumn term SMILE afternoon (3:00pm)

Monday 14th - KS1 nativity performance (4:30pm)

Wednesday 16th - Christmas lunch (children wearing Christmas jumpers/mufti)

Wednesday 16th - KS2 carols in the courtyard (4:30pm)

Thursday 17th - FFMPs Christmas craft day

Friday 18th - Last day of term

Monday 21st to Friday 1st - Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January 2027 – spring term begins

Physical Development

This half term, the children will be focusing on making anti-clockwise movements whilst they are mark making and drawing. They will be taught letter formation to assist with writing their name. They will consolidate scissor skills by cutting straight lines and zig-zags. Finally, they will begin to hold a knife correctly and will be encouraged to cut food with support. In P.E lessons, the children will be focusing on balance. They will be travelling in different ways using their knowledge of jumping and then freezing in different balance poses.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

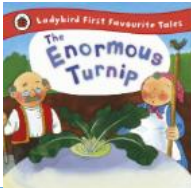
This half term, the children will continue to think about emotions particularly looking at scared and excited. They will think about what makes a good friend and how this can be put into practice in the classroom. They will find out about dressing for the weather and learn about how to do zips and buttons independently.



Literacy

The children will continue to practise and embed the phonic sounds that they have learnt so far and begin to learn digraphs (two letters that make one sound e.g. sh, ch).

The children will be exploring traditional tales this half term. They will learn the stories through actions and text maps. The children will begin to use their phonic knowledge to write labels and captions.



Mathematics

This term, the children will be understanding the composition of numbers to five. They will be using different mathematical objects and concrete resources to help them represent these numbers. They will also be exploring and naming 2D shapes and seeing if they can identify shapes in their Reception environment.



Understanding the World

This half term, the children will be learning about Guy Fawkes and discussing safe ways to enjoy fireworks and bonfires. They will explore the meaning of Remembrance Day; why we wear poppies and how we honour those who served. The children will observe seasonal changes through a winter walk and activities and compare this with autumn. They will learn about celebrations and why Christmas is special and how it's celebrated in different ways.



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will develop their creativity and design skills through cooking, mark making and exploring different joining techniques. They will learn to work safely and hygienically while creating and making. Throughout the term, the children will apply these skills to design and make a Diva lamp and a Christmas ornament.



Suggested books for reading

