



Reception Newsletter

Autumn 2—2025/2026



Notices and Reminders

Our PE day is on **Thursday**.

Please ensure that your child's PE kit contains:

- A Mytchett logo PE t-shirt or a plain t-shirt in the house colours
 - Black shorts
- Black tracksuit top/ grey Mytchett hoodie
 - Black tracksuit bottoms
 - Trainers (that fit!)

Please remember to take out your child's earrings on PE days. Our school website shares guidance on the wearing of jewellery.

Communication and Language

In 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.



Physical Development

In fine motor this half term, the children will be focusing on making anti-clockwise movements whilst mark making and drawing. They will begin to write their own name and taught letters. They will also be consolidating scissor skills and begin to cut straight lines and zig zags.

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 to consolidate their balance.

Key Dates

Tuesday 4th November – start of autumn 2 half term

Saturday 8th November – FFMPs fireworks evening

Monday 10th November – individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 12th November – YR writing workshop (2:30pm)

Friday 21st November – Children in Need (wear something spotty/mufti)

Monday 24th November – Y4 multiplication tables check parent/carer workshop (2:30pm)

Tuesday 25th November – Y6 SATs parent/carer workshop (2:30pm)

Wednesday 10th December – EYFS Christmas singalong

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

Friday 12th December – autumn term SMILE afternoon (3:00pm)

Monday 15th December – KS1 nativity performance

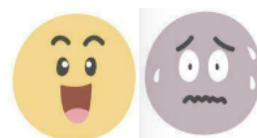
Wednesday 17th December – Christmas lunch; Carols in the Courtyard

Thursday 18th December – FFMPs Christmas craft day

Friday 19th December – end of autumn 2 half term (1:30pm collection)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

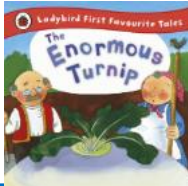
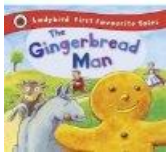
This half term the children will continue to think about emotions particularly looking at scared and excited. They will think about what makes a good friend and how this can be put into practice in the classroom. They will find out about dressing for the weather and learn about how to do zips and buttons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



Mathematics

This term, the children will be understanding the composition of numbers to five. In their lessons they will be using different mathematical objects and 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 learn about Guy Fawkes and discuss 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 why Christmas is special and how it's celebrated in different ways.



Expressive Arts and Design

The children will be diving into traditional tales and bringing them to life through drama, using props to help them act it out. The children will also develop an understanding of good hygiene and safety while exploring peeling, chopping and grating different vegetables. Towards the end of term, the children will be learning Christmas songs and using their performance skills to put on Christmas shows.



Suggested books for reading

