



Reception Newsletter



Summer 1 – 2025/26

Notices and Reminders

Our PE day is on **Wednesday**.

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 this half term, the children will be learning how to ask a question using who, what, where, why, when and how as a starting point. Through Talk for Writing, the children will be learning to use connectives to link their ideas together. The children will also continue to learn a range of rhymes and songs to support their learning.



Physical Development

The children will continue to practise curly letters, zig-zag letters, one-armed robot letters and long ladder letters, helping them develop control and confidence in their letter formation. They will continue to work on their scissor grip and cutting skills.

The children will develop their balancing skills on apparatus and practice traveling around, over and through apparatus to build their coordination and confidence. The children will learn how to jump safely from a height by focusing on technique and safety.

Key Dates

Friday 17th April 2026 – Y3 Mytchett Quays trip

Tuesday 21st April 2026 – Kite times tables championships at Hale (1:00pm)

Friday 24th April 2026 – Y4 Mytchett Quays trip

Tuesday 28th April 2026 – YR Birdworld trip

Friday 1st May 2026 – Y5 Mytchett Quays trip

Monday 4th May 2026 – bank holiday (academy closed to all pupils)

Monday 11th to Thursday 14th May 2026 – Y6 SATs week

Friday 15th May 2026 – Y6 Legoland trip

Saturday 16th May 2026 – FFMPs May fair (1pm to 4pm)

Thursday 21st May 2026 – SEND coffee morning (9am)

Friday 22nd May 2026 – Y1 trip to Bocketts Farm

Friday 22nd May 2026 – Y6 end of SATs pizza party

Friday 22nd May 2026 – end of half term (3:15pm collection)

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

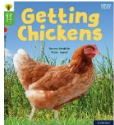
This term the children will be learning about how they are similar and different to each other and use this knowledge to complete a challenge successfully as a team. They will then learn about how to be healthy, thinking about exercise, diet and keeping clean!



Literacy

The core texts will support the children in developing their writing skills focusing on using capital letters at the beginning of a sentence, leaving spaces between words, and using full stops to mark the end of a sentence.

In phonics, the children will begin to read words with *suffixes*. A suffix is a small ending added to a word—like *-ing* or *-ed*—and they will be practising how to spot these and blend the whole word together.



Mathematics

The children will begin to build numbers beyond ten. They will use resources to support their understanding of numbers to 20 and beyond. They will explore increasing and decreasing amounts through addition and subtraction.

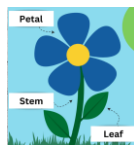
The children will explore how shapes appear when they are moved, turned, rotated and flipped to fill a space. They will investigate how shapes can be combined or separated to make new shapes



Understanding the World

This term, the children will continue to learn more about the world around them, including where they live and what it is like to live there. They will then explore other countries and beliefs, discussing how these may be similar or different to living in England.

Later in the term, the children will learn about what a plant needs to survive, the main parts of a plant, and its life cycle. They will also study the life cycle of caterpillars.



Expressive Arts and Design

This term the children will be learning about fruits from different countries and designing a salad to taste. The children will be taught how to add more detail to their drawings by looking closely at plants. They will learn how to join materials together to make a moving mechanism scene for an animal. The children will be learning to perform a dance routine and a poem.



Suggested books for reading

