



# Reception's News



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## Reception's Amazing Work

We had such a busy Spring 2 half term. Children explored building a range of houses, some they might see in this country and some they might see in other countries such as Africa! We tasted the fruits from our core story 'Handa's Surprise' and used descriptive language when thinking about how they tasted and felt.

At the end of the term, the children had a special visit from the Easter Bunny, where they each received an Easter Egg. Thank you to Astonish who kindly provided these!

We spent lots of the half term continuing to develop our fine motor skills, with scissors in the dough area and independent story map creations.



## What are we learning about this term?

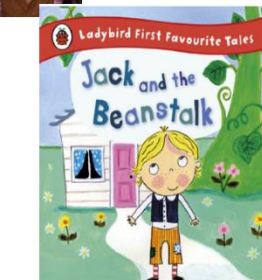
Our theme is Spring and Growth, where children will plant beans and vegetables and grow seeds that attract wildlife like bees. They will also explore and discuss the signs of spring in the environment.

### Literacy

We will read texts such as **Jack and the Beanstalk**, **Jack and the Incredibly Meanstalk** and **Bee and Me**. Children will compare characters like giants, write descriptions, and create a class non-fiction book about bees.

### Maths

We will focus on **numbers to 20 and beyond, developing addition and subtraction** through stories like Pattern Fish, Cockatoos and Jim and the Beanstalk. Children will explore counting patterns, shapes, and spatial reasoning, and can be supported at home through activities like spotting shapes and baking



Reading around



## Upcoming Dates/Events

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Mayday bank holiday – School Closed**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Fluoride Application Day**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – School Closes**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School Re-opens**

## Reading at Holybrook

Reading books are carefully chosen to meet your child's reading level. The more they read, the more fluent readers they will become. Don't forget that each time your child reads at home they gain a raving readers point – which they can then exchange for prizes!

## Math's at Holybrook

Number bonds are pairs of numbers that add together to make a total. They help children build quick and confident math's skills. Please continue to support your child to embed the number bonds to 10.

## Home Learning Tasks

Home learning tasks are displayed in the classroom window and each child will receive a copy to take home too. Please encourage your child to complete these tasks to further embed learning at home.

## Upcoming Dates/Events

PE continues to take place on a Thursday morning. Please ensure you provide PE kit for your child to change in to (tops provided by school)

Our PE topic for this half term is Dance

The Reception team is:  
Mrs Liu  
Mrs Wilkinson  
Miss Lovatt & Miss Jefferson

# Reception's Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for every child's success. Being in school every day helps pupils build strong learning habits, keep up with the curriculum, and develop social and emotional skills. Missing lessons can make it harder to catch up and can affect progress over time. By working together to ensure good attendance, we give every child the best chance to achieve their potential. School starts at 8.45am.

**Current Whole-School Attendance: 94.7%**

**Reception Attendance: 93.8%**

**Target Attendance: 96%**

**Every school day counts**

100% Attendance	Superb!
97% Attendance	Good
95% Attendance	Slight concern
90% Attendance	Very Concerned
85% Attendance	Local authority intervention

Lateness=Lost Learning		
5 minutes late each day	=	3 days of learning lost
10 minutes late each day	=	6.5 days of learning lost
15 minutes late each day	=	10 days of learning lost
20 minutes late each day	=	13 days of learning lost
30 minutes late each day	=	19 days of learning lost
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