Key Outcomes

Our key outcomes for Reception children at Tanworth:

* I am an independent and curious learner.
* I can seek challenge to reach my full potential.
* I can build my resilience by having the opportunity to express and explore my feelings.

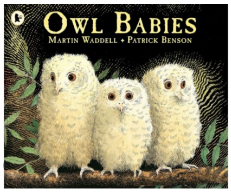
Reception Newsletter

"In God's family learning, loving, growing to be our very best"

10th November 2026

Literacy

This week after our week of Remembrance we are starting our new Literacy text - Owl Babies.



Owl Babies, by Martin Waddell is a lovely autumnal book about three owlets who wake up in the middle of the night with all the sounds of the forest while their Mum is out hunting. This week we will be thinking about events of the beginning, middle and end of the story and using our drawing skills to show the main parts.

Maths

* We are continuing to look at the composition of numbers to 5 and learning to subitise. Children this week will be showing their subitising skills by making their own groups of different numbers both practically and on paper.
* This week we will also be focusing on some 2d shapes. A triangle and a circle. We will be spotting these shapes around the environment both indoors and outdoors and using these in our Diwali patterns.





Phonics

Phonics Bug

We are continuing to learn new sounds daily. We have now met our first **digraph** 'ck'. It has been really amazing this week because we have now learnt three different graphemes which all represent the same phoneme. We now know that c, k and ck can all make the same sound!

A **digraph** is a pair of letters that combine to represent a single phoneme. E.g. ck, sh, ch, th, ng.



Events Calendar

* Wednesday 11th November Remembrance Church service 10.45 am - All welcome.
* Friday 13th November Children in Need
* Friday 27th November PTA Xmas market
* Wednesday 2nd December Reception Christmas Nativity 9.30
* Thursday 3rd December Reception Christmas Nativity 2.00pm **NO OUTDOOR LEARNING ON THIS DAY**

Remembrance

Last week we learnt all about the symbol of the poppy and why people at this time of year wear poppies to remember. We learnt some new words like cenotaph, parade, service, remembrance, soldier, wreath and poppy. This week we will be writing some prayers with our Year 6 buddies.



On Wednesday 11th November we will attend the school's Remembrance Service at the Church 10.45 am. Afterwards the children will lay crosses with their Year 6 buddy on the village War Memorial.

Reminders, Thank yous and Requests

* Thank you to all who came to the Phonic Workshop last week . If you were unable to attend, a copy of the PowerPoint used, handouts and extra information is on the Reception Class Page on the school's website.
* Please make sure reading packs, including their orange phonic books, come to school everyday (except Thursdays). We do have a few children coming without them. If items have been lost please let us know and we will replace them. Remember reading books will not be changed unless a comment has been recorded in their yellow reading record.
* There will be no Outdoor Learning on Thursday 3rd December because of the Christmas Performance. Children should come to school in their school uniforms on this day.
* The weather has turned colder recently and its great to see the children bringing in hats, gloves and scarfs especially for our Thursday Outdoor Learning session. Please can we asked that these items, including shoes be named.

REQUESTS & DONATIONS

*** Don't forget any donations of 1p, 2p and 5p coins for our Children in Need school challenge on Friday 13th November. Children can come to school dressed in bright and/or spotty clothes. An optional donation can be made on ParentPay. All money collected will go to Children in Need.**

Half Term Value

Our value this half term is Community a great value for the run up to Christmas.

COMMUNITY

Live in harmony with one another!