



Broadheath Primary School Reception Newsletter **April 2026**

Dates for the diary

Monday 20th April Eggs arrive

Tuesday 21st April: Reception children height and weight screening

Friday 1st May: Chicks collected

Monday 4th May: May Day Bank Holiday, School Closed

Wednesday 13th May: Reception trip to Smithills Farm. Please pay for this on Arbor asap.

Wednesday 20th May: Summer Disco (Details to follow)

Friday 22nd May: Break up for Whit Holiday!

Topics

Our topic is 'Step into Spring!' and as always, we continue to have very high expectations of all our children. We will be looking at life cycles especially with the arrival of the eggs and chicks. We will be growing plants, naming the different parts of the plants and finding out through experiments what plants need to grow. We are doing lots of work on story maps and sequencing stories which the children are familiar with and we are now starting to write our own stories! In Maths we will be doubling, halving and sharing and we will also be looking at odd and even numbers. All our Mathematical skills will be used when problem solving including using money and we will be revising naming and describing 2d and 3d shapes. So, when you are out shopping make your child pay!! We have been learning how to tell the time by o'clock. Please have a look at clocks and the time when you are out and about.

Outdoor Classroom

As part of the curriculum, we play outdoors every day. At the beginning and end of each day please do not let the children remove or play with the toys and equipment. The outdoor classroom is set up and the resources are ready for the children during the day ahead. Thank you for your co-operation.

Reception Fund

Your weekly contributions of £1 are gratefully received. This goes towards providing baking and play dough ingredients, buying new resources and we have been able to make Easter Nests and go on an Easter Egg hunt. Without your support we would not be able to continue with these activities.

Reading Books

The children are continuing to do very well with their reading and they are enjoying sharing their books. Please continue to write in the reading record books whenever you read together. Please send us a message if you would like us to change your child's reading book when you think they are ready to change it. **Please also read the ECollins books with your child. We allocate new ones each week and we hear each child read 3 times per week in guided reading sessions in school.**

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E Collins books match the text your child is reading in school and the children are expected to read these twice a week at home.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure that your children are bringing in water to school and not juice in their water bottles. Thank you

PE and Earrings

PE lessons are on a Tuesday for RE and Mondays for RHB. Please can you ensure that the children are NOT wearing ear rings for PE days. The children need to come into school in their PE kits on their

PE day. **They will need to wear navy or black jogging bottoms, a plain white T shirt and a navy tracksuit top or their school jumper. They can wear trainers or pumps.**

Please ensure that ALL uniform including school jumpers, PE tops and trainers and shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Illness

If your child has a high temperature, please keep your child off school until the temperature has settled and they feel well enough to return to school. If your child is poorly with sickness or diarrhoea please keep them at home for at least 48 hours after the last bout, until they are well. Thank you for your support.

Sun Cream

As the warmer months are approaching (we hope!) we thought it would be worth mentioning sun cream now. Due to the nature of the play-based curriculum your child/children can choose to be outside for much of the day. **With this in mind we suggest that, when necessary, you send your child to school having applied the 'all day' lotions.** In addition to this we also recommend that your child brings in their own labelled bottle of sun cream and we will encourage them to 'top up' independently throughout the day. A labelled hat or cap should also be brought to school every day. Please ensure that this is named.

Term Dates

We close on Friday 22nd May at 3.20pm and re open on Monday 8th June at 8.50am.

Don't forget if you are unsure about anything in the Reception classes or have any concerns, please feel free to come and talk to the Reception staff. We will always do our best to help.

The Reception Team