



Reception Class Newsletter

Autumn 2 2026

Welcome back for another exciting half term! We hope you have had a lovely break and are ready to explore our new topic **Our Community**. We will be focussing on two brilliant books **Meerkat Mail** by **Emily Gravett** and **Our Tower** by **Joseph Coelho**. Within this topic, we will be exploring transport, local maps, push and pull, slopes and celebrations. We will start by using collaging skills to create our own Remembrance poppies. We will be looking at patterns as well as thinking about the shapes that we see in everyday objects. We will be using a map to look at the route to the local post box and thinking about all the different things we see on the journey. We will also look at fascinating forces and how push and pull help transport to move. To consolidate our learning, we will be taking a trip to the local fire station, where we will travel on a bus, past the ambulance station and explore the fire engines. During these festive weeks, we will be looking at the different celebrations that happen around the world, alongside why we should be thankful for what we have around this time. We will then finish off with our fantastic Nativity and festive celebrations!

What happens when in Sycamore and Walnut class?

Monday – Sycamore Forest School

Tuesday – Walnut Forest School

Wednesday – PE (Sycamore and Walnut)

Thursday – book change day

Friday – water bottles sent home, class bear visits a family for the weekend

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on their allocated day. Kit includes:

- Plain red shorts/navy tracksuit bottoms
- Team Colour T-Shirt
- Navy tracksuit tops

Accidents happen, so please ensure spare underwear and socks, are named and in their book bag, to be used in the case of an accident.

Phonics books will start to come home this half term. These books will be changed weekly during your child's 1-1 guided reading session. Please ensure that your child's phonics book is in their bag **every day**.

How can you help?

*Please clearly label all items of clothing with your child's **name**.

*Clearly **label** your child's school book bag and coat – **ONE** key ring / zip puller can be added to aid identification. **Please bring coat and bag to school EVERY DAY.**

*Long hair should be tied back.

*Water bottles are sent home on a **Friday**, please can they be back in class, for the following **Monday morning**.

*Comment any reading in the diary every day- 5 or more entries will get a star in the reading record and a star on the class reading chart. Please use the comments section to record any notes for the class teacher.

*Birthdays – to celebrate your child's birthday at Foster's, they can bring in a copy of their favourite book, or a book by one of our amazing authors that term (please see above). Please note that this is optional.

If you have any questions about the work we are covering this term, or need to see us for any other reason, then please catch us on the playground after school. Thank you.

Miss Down and Miss Kroetsch ☺

Walnut <i>Sycamore</i>	Florence Mazikeen Khema Jack Abhin Evie Solei	<i>Morris</i> <i>Petal</i> <i>George</i> <i>Matthew</i> <i>Ava</i> <i>Raeya</i> <i>Vedant</i> <i>Emily</i>	Harrison Hunter Logan Joshan Laila Sana Lyla	<i>Alexander</i> <i>Anthanasios</i> <i>Aarvi</i> <i>Yughan</i> <i>Thomas</i> <i>Rosie</i> <i>Mia</i>	Shehzeen Orla C James Miraya Ryan Sanvidu Prisha Axel	<i>Penelope</i> <i>Gian</i> <i>Navah</i> <i>Nimalan</i> <i>Aaradhya</i> <i>Maxy</i> <i>Oscar</i>	Zachary Roko Sienna Jovie Aami Johani Orla L Swarnavi	<i>Eli</i> <i>Azaryah</i> <i>Yashfa</i> <i>Wes</i> <i>Liz</i> <i>Shriti</i> <i>Ariya</i> <i>Mehmet Zeki</i>
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Useful diary dates:

- 4th November – FOF Fireworks
- 10th November – EYFS Phonics Workshop
- 12th & 13th – Vision, Height and Weight Screening
- 16th November – Walnut Class – Parent Lunch
- 17th – Flu Catchup Sessions
- 18th November – Sycamore Class – Parent Lunch
- 18th & 19th November – Parents Evening
- 4th December – Christmas Fair
- 15th December – Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- 16th December – Nativity Performance to Parents
- 18th December – Final Day of Term – Wear Your Own Clothes – Finish at 3:15pm