

To learn, your child
needs to be in school
and on time.



Value your child's
education and enable
them to be
the best that they can be.

Welcome to Reception



November 2023

Our vision: 'Life in All its Fullness' (John 10.10) and our Christian Values are the foundations to affect change from within the heart of the community.

Children are encouraged to develop strong aspirations *educationally, socially, morally* and *spiritually* with a desire to make a positive difference in the world.

Our Values



Important Dates

Tuesday 14th November—Reading and Phonics Parent Workshop

Thursday 14th December —Christmas trip (Details to be shared nearer the event)

Friday 22nd December—Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 16th January—Visit to St John's Church

Details regarding any Christmas performances will be shared with you nearer the time.



Learning in Reception

We are storytellers!

Reception, Autumn 2

What do I already know?

- I can talk about myself.
- I know where I live.
- I know what it means to be a good friend.
- I can talk about mine and others feelings.
- I know what happens at harvest.
- I know that I am part of a family and a community.

My Journey

- To recognise special events in mine and others lives.
- To know how different religious festivals are celebrated.
- To recognise and discuss the Nativity.
- To experiment with colour and texture.
- To design and produce a vehicle.
- To use different tools to make changes.
- To create a simple dance.
- To recognise seasonal changes.
- To recognise and name the months of the year.
- To recognise some healthy foods.

Big Questions

- What is my story?
- What is the Christmas story?
- Why do we have birthdays?
- Why do we celebrate Jesus' birthday?

Religious Education

- Why do we have celebrations?
- Christmas – Are we nearly there yet?



Key Vocabulary

Celebration, birthday, Eid, Christmas, Nativity, Diwali, Festival, Christian, advent, story, health, healthy, months of the year, scissors, colour, texture, design, vehicles, transport, tools, material, movement, dance, body, listen.

Focus Books



When I grow up....



Kippers Birthday



When's my birthday?



Jesus' Christmas Party.

honesty patience joy forgiveness tolerance thankfulness respect kindness friendship gentleness love hope

Reminders

Start and End of day

	Arrival time	Collection time
Nursery	9:00	3:00
Reception	8:50-9.00	3:10
Year One and Year Two	8:50-9.00	3:10

At the start of the day, children are to arrive at their classroom door by 9.00am where they will be greeted by their classroom teacher.

On arrival, the children will be offered a piece of fruit as a light snack before learning commences.

At the end of the day, doors will open at 3.10pm for you to collect your child from their classroom.

Please stand well clear of the exit doors and wait for your child to come out to you.

If children arrive, or are collected late, parents must report to the school office.

Contact with Staff

During drop offs and collections, it will not be possible to talk at length to your child's teacher on the door as this time can be very busy.

If you need to speak to an adult in school, please do so via telephone: 0121 675 8700 or you can email your child's class teacher directly.

Miss Sharif, Cedar Class: cedar@hollyhill.bham.sch.uk

Miss Winfield, Willow Class: willow@hollyhill.bham.sch.uk

If you need to speak to the office staff, we will operate a one-in-one-out system in the office reception area at the front of school.

Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything we do here at Holly Hill and we want to help create a world where everyone is reading their way to a better life.

Research shows that reading for pleasure can:

- Promote better health and wellbeing.
- Help build social connections and relationships with others.
- Help children access other areas in their learning.
- Create more possibilities for future lives and achievements.

*Reading **every day** has a huge impact on your child's ability to read well. Please ensure that you spend a few minutes each day listening to your child and helping them to read. Asking questions and discussing images and what has been read can be extremely beneficial in the progression of your child's reading.*



All children should have a book bag. Please make sure that your child's **book and book bag is in school everyday.**

Sending home regular letters is one of the many ways we communicate with you, so please make sure you check it daily.

Life in Reception...

The Reception Team

- Miss Parsonage—EYFS Leader
- Miss Winfield—Willow Class Teacher
- Mrs Hood—Willow Class Teaching Assistant
- Miss Sharif—Cedar Class Teacher
- Mrs Andrews—Cedar Class Teaching Assistant

PE

is on Wednesdays

Please ensure that children have their full PE kit in school. As the weather gets cooler, you may want to send joggers and a sweatshirt for your child to wear during outdoor PE lessons.

Homework

In addition to **daily** reading, your child will be given a set of sounds and words to learn. Regular practice will give your child the best start in their reading journey so please take a few minutes each day to help them with this.