



# Year R Newsletter



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Messages

We have had an exciting week learning about the different jobs that the police do and reading the story 'Burglar Bill'. We even had a police officer come to visit us! The children had a go at being police officers: investigating our shared area for clues and evidence, being traffic police outside with the bikes and putting parking tickets on the teacher's cars. We have also made traps and made wanted posters to help catch Burglar Bill!

In PE this term we are doing dance! This week, we explored different ways of moving the different parts of our body along to music. In music, we are learning to move and dance in time to a beat. This week, we learned a Chinese New Year song and played chime bars to accompany it.

### Notices:

- Next week, we have individual school photos on Monday morning.
- Next week, we will be making fire engines out of junk! To do this we will need some small cardboard boxes, tubes and plastic bottles. If you have any at home, then please bring them in for us to use next week.
- We have had to change our post box walk to the afternoon on the 5<sup>th</sup> Of February so if you are able to help it would be from 1 until 3.

### Phonics

This week we have:

- learning to read the phonemes 'oo', 'ar' and 'or'.
- learning to read the tricky words 'they', 'you' 'was'.

### Maths

Next week we will be:

- learning to partition 2 and 3 objects in different ways.
- identifying how many are missing from a group of 3 objects.

### Topic

Next week we will be:

- reading the book 'Emergency' and discussing the vocabulary in the book.
- making fire engines out of junk!

# Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 3 - Summer Week 2  
Focus - Phonemes oo / oo / ar / or

Please support your child to practise and reinforce the phonemes and graphemes we are learning in school. More information and support can be found on the Little Wandle website - <https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Phonemes we will be focusing on this week in school -



zoom to the moon

oo



hook a book

oo



march in the dark

ar



born with a horn

or

We will be reading and writing words. Can you spot segment and blend these words and spot this week's phonemes?

zoo

good

bark

pork

room

hook

yard

born

We will be reading sentences. Can you spot any tricky words? Can you segment and blend the words and look out for this week's phonemes?

His food is not hot.

I look at the moon.

The car has lights on in the dark.

The goat has sharp horns.

We will be practising tricky words. Can you spot the tricky part of the word?

was

you

they