



# Year R Newsletter



Friday 24th April 2026

## Messages

Welcome to the first newsletter of Summer term! We have had an exciting week starting our new topic: 'Transport and Journeys'. We read the book 'Naughty Bus' this week and we made our own 'Naughty Bus' videos in the woodlands, wrote speech bubbles for characters in the book and created our own city maps for the bus to drive around using wooden blocks. On Wednesday, we celebrated Earth Day and made Earth collages as well as seed planting and some litter picking in the woodlands.

We had a fun PE lesson this week! We are doing athletics this term (in preparation for sports day!) and practised our relay running and long jumping skills on the MUGA during our PE lesson. We also had our local tennis club come in to do a taster session with the children; leaflets were sent home for this.

### Notices:

- Next week, we are designing and making our own boats! If you have any small plastic pots or cardboard boxes at home in your recycling, then please bring them in for us to use Monday or Tuesday.
- Sports day is the last day of this term (Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May). Next week, we will send home a note in your child's book bag letting you know what colour team they are in for sports day.

### Phonics

This week we have been:

- learning to read and write words with 4 phonemes and with adjacent consonants at the end e.g. help, soft, thump.

### Maths

After Easter we will be:

- comparing quantities and numerals within 10.
- matching different representations of quantity.

### Topic

After Easter we will be:

- reading the book 'Little Boat' and talking about what might happen next.
- designing and making our own boats.

# Little Wandle - Letters and Sounds Reception Phonics Home Learning



Phase 3/4 - Summer 1 Week 1  
Focus - Short vowel words

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 -

s	a	t	i	n	m	d	g
o	c	k	ck	e	u	r	h
b	f	l	ff	ll	ss	j	v
w	x	y	z	zz	qu	ch	sh
th	ng	nk	ai	ee	igh	oa	oo/oo
ar	or	ur	ow	oi	ear	air	er

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

hand	jump	lift	soft
tent	wind	hump	nest
lost	thump	belt	pond

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?

We help the farmer put up the tent.

I can lift up the lamp so I can see the chart.

The best gift is the big green box.

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

pure	sure	are	pull	full
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