

Cygnets & Goslings Newsletter



This Week in Reception...

A big well done to all the children (and grown-ups) for getting through the first full week of school!

The children have adapted well to the full-sized class numbers and are getting lots of good practise with the important routines and structures of the school day. We want to remind parents that your children have not had the opportunity to mix with so many other children in one setting and tiredness (along with all the emotions that tiredness brings) are really normal for the first week!

Some helpful reminders...

- All children are provided with a fruit snack each day on class. Please do not send your child to school with their own snack.
- Once the gate is opened in the morning, please feel free to walk your child to the door of their classroom and encourage them to walk in by themselves, there is no need to queue up 1 at a time at the start of the day - if your child is confident to, please send them into their classrooms - a quick transition is often more manageable for the children.
- If you haven't done so already, please send in spare clothes in a small named bag.

Marvellous Me Boxes!

After next week, we will be ready to explore our first topic with the children: Marvellous me! We would love for every child in Reception to put together a special Marvellous Me box - a memory box full of pictures / items that explain and explore their lives so far.

In the past, families have included: first clothes/shoes, pictures of their family, holiday pictures, a favourite current toy, ultra-sound scans and anything else that is special to them. The box will need to stay in school for a couple of weeks so really special teddies needed for nighttime sleeping may not be the best choice! Once we have looked at everyone's boxes, the boxes can return home safe and sound.

We would like you to decorate your child's box with your child so it is personal to them and we please ask that you put together what is in the box with your child so they would feel confident talking about everything inside in front of their class. We want to give families enough time to put together these special boxes. We please ask that boxes begin coming into our classrooms from Monday 21st September. Thank you - we can't wait to learn all about our new children!

Coming up next week...

We will be continuing on helping the children settle in to their classrooms. Children build confidence through repetition so we will be keeping the structure of our days consistent to help school become a familiar and positive experience.

During carpet sessions, we have been playing simple games that are designed to help children develop key learning skills such as focused attention, careful looking and avoiding distractions. We will be developing these key skills further during next week.

Lunchtimes

If your child is having a school lunch, it would really help prepare them if you could talk about what choices are available to them either the night before or during your morning routine. We let all of the children know what the choices are before we walk to lunch, but we have noticed across both classes that some children become a little confused and ask for options that aren't available. You can pickup school menus from the main office - thank you for your help!



Good to know...

From next week, we will be trialling a new exit route for parents after morning drop-off and end-of-day pickup to help avoid congestion around the school. Parents will be able to walk through our outdoor classroom and exit via the Nursery gate which leads you straight to the carpark. This route will also be quicker for any parents who need to do additional drop-offs or pickups for Year 3 and 4 siblings.

If you should need to get in contact with your child's teacher and are not around for drop-off / pickup, you can send an email to your teacher:

cygnets@meadows.worcs.sch.uk
goshings@meadows.worcs.sch.uk

Free School Meals

Reception, Year 1 & 2 children already receive a free school meal. However, new guidelines mean that registering with the FSM link could bring extra funding into school at no cost to you. This funding helps us provide additional support, resources and opportunities for children. If you receive Universal Credit, please take a few minutes to register. It really can make a difference to us - follow this link:

[Free school meals](#) | [Worcestershire County Council](#)



FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

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to complete your child's
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QUESTIONNAIRE!

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CLOSES
30/09/2026

The questionnaire is quick and easy to complete and helps us understand your child's health and wellbeing needs so we can provide the right support.

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<https://wor012.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Worcestershire/g/2627RHNA>

