



St Richard's CE Primary School
Autumn term 2025 – First half



Blossom Class - September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled in very well and we are very proud of them. Reception Blossom class are getting used to a longer day – hopefully they are falling asleep early for you – and Nursery Blossom Class have been fantastic at learning the new routines and meeting their new friends. We are very excited to get to know them all some more and watch them bloom!

Dates for your diary:

OCTOBER

Wednesday 1st - KS1 and Early Years Phonics workshop for parents

Friday 10th – Black History Wow Day

Monday 20th – Harvest church service 9am

NOVEMBER:

Tuesday 4th – First swimming session in the afternoon for Blossom Class Reception children. Parent helpers needed.

11th & 13th November – Learning Conversations

Friday 14th November – Individual Photos

PHONICS:

Blossom Nursery and Blossom Reception will begin their phonics lessons the week beginning 22nd September.

Blossom Nursery: will be working on Phase 1 phonics and their aspect focus will be Environmental Sounds.

Blossom Reception will be learning Phase 2 phonics and learning to segment to spell and blend to read words with these sounds.

There is a phonics workshop on Wednesday 1st October which will explain everything you need to know!

Library Books:

We have a parent volunteer who will change library books every Friday afternoon. This means Blossom Reception will take their books on a Friday afternoon and Blossom Nursery will take their books on Monday morning.

Please return books on Friday morning and put them on your child's library card.

Reading Books for Reception Blossom:

Reading books will be changed every Tuesday and Friday. Please record the reading you have done at home in the yellow book so we know whether to change the book. A letter was sent home with the yellow book to explain the process, we recommend reading the book together 3 times.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Homework:

WONDER BOOKS will be sent home every fortnight. The sent date and return date will be at the top of the activity sheet. For Reception Blossom we will add the phonics we have been learning to revise at home as well as key words. The children will then have the opportunity to share their learning with their friends, so it is very important to help them return their Wonder Book on time

BOOK BAGS:

Please can blue book bags be stored in the basket by the entrance.
Please can you help your child empty their bags of their books and water bottles.



SNACK TIME:

Children will be offered fruit every morning for their snack. For the children who stay all day, we will also offer them a snack of fruit. If your child stays in all day and you would like to donate a healthy snack for the class to share in the afternoon, we accept donations of:

Plain breadsticks or plain crackers

Plain popcorn or plain rice cakes

Fruit

Parent/adult helpers

After half term, we would welcome parent/adult helpers for Reception swimming. The children swim from 1.15 – 2.15, parents would need to arrive at 1pm to help the children change. Parents will need a valid DBS to be able to do this. If you are able to help but do not hold a DBS, please speak to Alex Rice in the office who can arrange this for you.

Summary: (Swimming / PE day etc.)

Monday:

Tuesday: Reception: reading books. Swimming for Reception after half term.

Wednesday: Mrs Singleton is in class

Thursday: PE led by our sports coach. Reception to wear their PE kits and Nursery to wear clothes suitable for being active.

Friday: Library Books. Reception reading books.

OUR TOPICS:

Our learning is guided by our interests and ideas, so often the curriculum is very reactive. This term our main focus is settling the children, developing independence and learning the routines and expectations. This term we will start with our Topic 'Bold Bright and Beautiful' where we will be talking about ourselves and our families, sharing what makes us special and unique, learning to become members of the new class not to mention learning about colours. Then we will move on to learning about space in our topic 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom'. Topics may not always fit nicely into half termly blocks, so if the interest remains, we will continue into the new term.

Alongside phonics, we will also have maths sessions, topic sessions, PE, music and our PATHS lessons. We will also have daily Drawing Club lessons where we use our drawings and our imaginative responses to stories to create sentences (which Reception will gradually write on their own!).

Every fortnight you will find a little more about our learning in the Wonder Book notes.

Cooking & Messy Play Money

Over the year, we would like your children to take part in a range of cooking and messy play activities. To support this we are asking if the parents would make a voluntary donation of £5.00 per term to cover the costs of ingredients for cooking and play-doh as well as resources for messy play.

If you are able to do this then please would you give the money to one of the Staff or to the school office, stating the name of your child and their class or alternatively make a payment through Scopy. Thank you