



Bumblebee Class Newsletter

Monday 14th – Friday 18th September 2026



Dear Parents,

We have completed our first full-time week of the year in Bumblebee Class and the children have really started to settle into our school routines well. I hope they all enjoy a restful weekend. Many said they were feeling very tired this afternoon!

Maths

In maths this week, we met my friend Mop (a puppet). Mop loves maths and is learning how to count but keeps getting it wrong. Bumblebees helped Mop learn how to count by suggesting some helpful tips;

1. Say a number for each object as you count,
2. Move the objects as you count them and
3. Put the objects in a line to help when you are counting them.

Mop was very grateful for the children's help. We have continued to practise counting to five and back again representing the numbers on our fingers. Great learning in maths this week Bumblebees – well done!

We enjoyed singing '1,2,3,4,5 Once I caught a fish alive'.

Phonics

This week we learnt the following sounds in our daily phonics lessons:

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Every Friday, we will add the sounds we have learnt during the week to your child's yellow Home Reading Record, so you can practise them with your child at home.

Phonics Workshop for Parents

I am leading a 'Phonics Workshop' for Bumblebee Class parents on **Wednesday 30th September at 5-5:30pm**. This is an opportunity for you to learn how we teach phonics at school and how you can best support your child at home with their reading skills.

Please do let me know, either via email or at the gate whether you will be able to attend this workshop, so that I know how many people to expect. It would be lovely if an adult from each family could attend. Reading is such an important skill but it is a complex one to learn.

RE and Show and Tell

In RE this half term we are going to be learning about 'special places'. This week we talked about what the word 'special' means. Next week on **Tuesday 22nd September** please could your child bring in **one** object that is special to them.

A special object could include:

- A toy that is special to them
- A special blanket
- A photograph of a special holiday or celebration
- A soft toy

We explored our class 'reflection area' and learnt how to use it correctly. Many children have enjoyed spending some time in this area of the classroom, quietly drawing pictures for God and writing little messages. We started to learn about our three school Christian values; Love, Courage and Community.



PE

This week we enjoyed our first PE lessons in the dining hall. We practised following our three school rules; ready, respectful and safe. We learnt how to find a space in the hall making sure we did not bump into equipment or other people. We played a couple of movement games and will be learning how to control our bodies and negotiate space safely over the next few weeks.

First Two Weeks of School

Today in your child's book bag you will find some photographs from their first two weeks at school, so that you can see what they have been learning since starting school. I will also be sending individual emails to each family to let you know how your child is settling in.



Dates for Next Week

Monday 21st September

Bumblebee Class visit to the school library. Please make sure your child's library book is in their book bag so they can swap it for another book today.

Tuesday 22nd September

Show and Tell – please can your child bring in **one** object that is **special** to them.

Thursday 24th September

PE with Miss Fisher-Smith – Please make sure long hair is tied up and any earrings are either removed or covered with tape.

Friday 25th September

Individual School Photographs

PE with Miss Fisher-Smith – Please make sure long hair is tied up and any earrings are either removed or covered with tape.

Key dates to be aware of:

- Tuesday 22nd September PTA AGM at Three Horseshoes at 7pm
- Friday 25th September Individual Photographs
- **Wednesday 30th September 'Phonics Workshop' for parents at 5 – 5:30pm**
- Friday 16th October Harvest Service at 9.30am
- Tuesday 20th October Parents Evening
- Wednesday 21st October Parents Evening
- Monday 26th October – Half Term

Have a wonderful weekend. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Kind regards,

Miss Fisher-Smith
Bumblebee Class Teacher