

# Fledglings Newsletter Summer 1 2026

Welcome back to the Summer 1 term in EYFS! We are excited to begin a new half term full of fun learning and exploration. Our topic this term is 'Growing', where the children will be discovering how plants, animals, and people grow and change. Throughout the term we will be planting seeds, observing changes in nature, and enjoying lots of hands-on activities both inside and outside the classroom. We look forward to a wonderful half term of learning together!

<b>Communication and Language</b>	<b>Personal, Social and Emotional Development</b>	<b>Physical Development</b>	<b>RE</b>
<p>This half term in Communication and Language, children will develop their speaking and listening skills by connecting their ideas using a range of conjunctions such as <i>and</i>, <i>because</i>, and <i>so</i>. They will engage with familiar stories and practise retelling them in detail to a friend or visitor. Children will also work on following instructions that include several steps. Through discussions and group activities, they will begin to express their own point of view and explain their thinking when they disagree. We will also encourage them to describe events clearly using sequencing words such as <i>before</i>, <i>next</i>, <i>then</i>, <i>after</i>, and <i>finally</i>.</p>	<p>In PSED this half term, children will be learning about relationships, belonging, and managing their feelings. They will talk about the different jobs they do in their family and how this helps them feel that they belong. We will explore ways to make friends and what we can do if we start to feel lonely. Children will also learn how to solve problems with others so they can stay friends, and begin to understand how unkind words can affect people's feelings. We will practise using Calm Me time to help manage emotions and feel ready to learn.</p>	<p>In Physical Development this half term, children will continue to strengthen their fine motor skills through a range of activities. They will practise drawing in more detail using a variety of tools and small paintbrushes, as well as learning to use scissors safely to cut different materials. Children will also explore simple woodwork by using a hammer and nails with supervision. Alongside this, we will focus on handwriting by practising correct letter formation and beginning to sit letters neatly on the line. In PE, children will take part in athletics and target games, helping them to develop their coordination, balance, and accuracy while working both independently and as part of a team.</p>	<p>In RE this half term, children will be learning about special places and why they are important to different people. We will talk about our own special places and why they are meaningful to us, including who we visit them with and when we go there. Children will also learn about places of worship, including why the church is a special place for Christians and why the mosque is a special place for Muslims. We will explore what makes a place holy and learn about different ways people show respect, such as removing their shoes before entering a place of worship.</p>

Understanding the World	Expressive Arts and Design	Maths	Literacy
<p>In Understanding the World this half term, children will explore the topic “What is growing?” They will learn that living things grow and change over time by comparing baby and adult pictures of humans and animals. We will explore how plants grow by learning about the plant life cycle and planting beans in clear pots so the children can observe the changes. Children will also learn about animal life cycles, including how caterpillars grow into butterflies and how frogs and chicks grow and change. We will also talk about human growth and how we can care for living things.</p>	<p>In Expressive Arts and Design this half term, children will explore their creativity by drawing in greater detail using a range of different tools and materials. They will practise representing their ideas through pictures and marks while developing control and confidence in their drawing. Children will also continue to practise correct letter formation and begin to place their letters neatly on the line. We are also very excited to be preparing for our Class Assembly (Reception only, sorry!) where they will have the opportunity to perform and share their learning.</p>	<p>In Maths this half term, Reception will explore numbers to 20 and beyond, practise manipulating, composing and decomposing numbers, and use “How many now?” to see how numbers change.</p> <p>Nursery will focus on sequencing, positional language, comparing more than/fewer than, and exploring 2D and 3D shapes through play.</p>	<p>In Literacy this half term, children will explore a range of stories including Jasper’s Beanstalk, The Tiny Seed, The Crunching Munching Caterpillar, Tad and Once There Were Giants. They will practise sitting letters correctly on the line, using full stops, forming capital letters, and beginning to check and edit their work. Children will also continue to write simple phrases and sentences independently in provision, while continuing with their phonics learning to develop reading and spelling skills.</p>

### Important Dates

- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – PTA Own Clothes Day
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May - PTA Own Clothes Day
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 3pm - Class Assembly (Reception children only)



### Reminders

- All children need to keep a pair of wellies in school (named please!)
- Reception children should have their Reading Books in school every day