



Reception Newsletter Autumn 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly welcome you and your child to Reception and the start of their school journey at Adamsrill Primary. During the first few weeks, we will focus on settling the children into their new environment, helping them get to know their class, staff members, and establishing rules and routines. Our aim is to make this transition as smooth as possible and to work closely with you to ensure your child feels happy and settled.

We value regular communication between school and home, so if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us for support. We are excited to meet and work with your children and look forward to a positive and rewarding year ahead.

The Reception team are:

RB – Miss Sharifee

RG – Miss Casal

Ms Elenwo (Nursery Nurse)

Ms Chaudhry (Nursery Nurse)

Attendance:

Please support your child's learning by ensuring they attend school every day and arrive on time. We are aiming for Reception's attendance to reach at least **96%** this year.

The Reception teaching team can be contacted via the school office email:

admin@adamsrill.lewisham.sch.uk

Kind regards,
The Reception Team



Homework

Homework in Reception is optional. Phonics links will be sent home every Friday from 2nd October.

Reading

Please ensure that your child reads for at least **10 minutes each day**. This can include:

- Listening to a parent or carer read aloud
- Looking at picture books and talking about them
- Practising phonics and simple words

Parents and carers should record their child's reading by noting the book title and the date in their reading record.

Please make sure your child brings their **reading book and reading record to school every day**, as they may read with an adult during the school day. **We kindly ask you to take care of the reading records. If lost, a replacement will cost £1.90.**

Every Thursday from 9:00–9:20 am we will hold a reading morning. We warmly invite you to come in and enjoy reading with your child. This will start on 5th November.

Physical Education

Children will have PE once a week with Ballers Sport every **Friday afternoon**.

The PE kit consists of navy shorts, a white T-shirt, and black plimsolls. Please make sure each item is clearly labelled. PE kits should be kept in a named drawstring bag on your child's peg in their classroom and taken home at the end of each half term.

Dates for your diary:

Genes for Jean Day- Friday 25th September 2026

Coffee Morning- Friday 25th September 2026

Target Setting Day 1 - Tuesday 29th September 2026

Target Setting- Day 2- Tuesday 6th October 2026

Individual School Photos- Friday 7th October 2026

Coffee Morning- 9th Coffee Morning 9th October 2026

Multicultural Day- Thursday 22nd October 2026

Coffee Morning- Friday 23rd October 2026

Halloween Disco- Friday 23rd October 2026

End of half-term – Friday 23rd October 2026

Inset Day- Monday 2nd November 2026

Children return to school- Tuesday 3rd November 2026

Coffee Morning- Friday 13th November 2026

CHILDREN IN NEED- Friday 21st November 2026

Coffee Morning- Friday 27th November 2026

Reception Christmas Concert- Thursday 3rd December

Christmas Lunch for pupils- Tuesday 8th December

End of term - Friday 19th December **School finishes at 2pm**

Children return to school- Monday 4th January 2027



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Literacy

This half term our topics are '*All about Me*' and '*Starting School*'. We will be reading and doing activities based upon the following books:

- Owl Babies by Martin Waddell
- Each Peach Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg
- Have You Filled a Bucket Today? by Carol McCloud
- It's Ok To Be Different by Todd Parr
- Hands are not for hitting by Martine Agassi
- Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival
- How Do You Feel by Anthony Browne

Next half term, we will be looking at '*People Who Help Us*' as well as exploring the religious festivals of Diwali, Christmas, and Hanukkah.

Please support your child by discussing vocabulary related to these topics.

Understanding the World

This half term, the children will be encouraged to explore and talk about themselves, their families, and their new school environment. They will be learning about feelings, friendships, and how to care for one another.

We will also spend time exploring the changes we see in the natural world during autumn, such as the weather, falling leaves, and harvest time. The children will have opportunities to investigate using their senses, ask questions about what they notice, and share their ideas.

Maths

In the first half term, we will be developing early mathematical concepts, focusing on classifying, matching, comparing, and ordering. Next term, we will move on to patterns and early number, including numbers within 6 and addition and

Communication and Language

This term, we will support the children's speaking and listening by giving them lots of opportunities to talk about themselves, their families, and starting school. Through our topics All About Me, Starting School, and People Who Help Us, children will learn new words and practise using them in conversations, stories, and role play. We will also explore the festivals of Diwali, Christmas, and Hanukkah, giving children the chance to hear new vocabulary and talk about different celebrations.

Personal, Social, and Emotional Development

Our focus will be on helping children develop their understanding of care, changes, and friendships.

Expressive Arts and Design

Reception children will have Art lessons at least once a week with the Art specialist, Mrs Gasper.

We will encourage creativity by using recycled materials and explore using different mediums.

Children will sing songs to reinforce what they have been learning across the curriculum and they will have a dedicated music session twice a week.

Physical Development

Through a variety of physical activities—such as motor activities (jumping, hopping, skipping), team games, gymnastics (balancing and shapes), playdough, threading, LEGO, and puzzles—your child will develop both fine and gross motor skills.