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Friday, 9th October 2026

Dear parents and carers,

This week, we finished sharing our special boxes with our friends. It was such a lovely way to get to know our new Reception family and share the items that are special to us! We practised our oracy skills - speaking loudly and clearly to talk about the items in our box, as well as showing active listening when it was our friends' turn to share. What a great week!

In RE, we have been learning that God made our families! We shared family pictures and drew our families. We spoke about our family members and discussed how we like to spend time together.

Click here to watch this week's learning video!



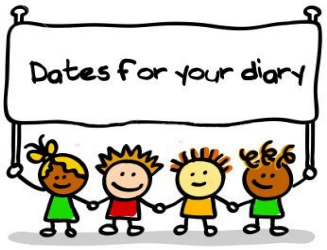








Dates for Your Diary:



- **Thursday 14th October - Black and Black Mixed Heritage Parent Forum Coffee Morning 8.30am**
- **Monday 19th October - "No to Racism" Day – Wear Red Day**

Children can replace one item of their uniform with something red, eg. red tights, red tie, red jumper or red socks, etc.

- **Stay and Plays**

From Friday 16th October, we will begin our 'Stay & Play' sessions.
During the session, you will have an opportunity to look through your child's books, get stuck into morning play as well as to have a 5 minute chat about how your child has settled into Reception and how we can work together to ensure they have a super successful year with us.

Immediately after your session, Mrs Hoogwerf will host 'Stay and Learn', during which she will focus on reading and how to further support your child at home. It's a practical session where you will have the opportunity to get involved in a phonics session and explore different ways that you can make reading fun at home.

8:30-9:00am - In class (Please arrive promptly at 8:30am for your session)
9-9:30am - Stay and Learn

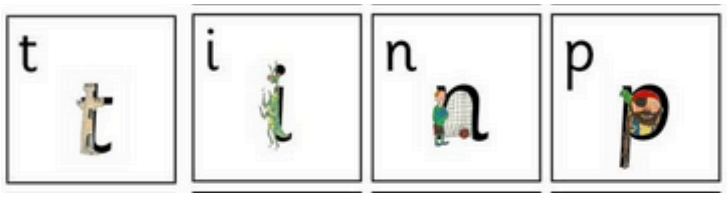
Please have a look below for your child's date. If you cannot make your date, please liaise with another parent to swap dates via the Whatsapp Group and let your child's class teacher know.

Mrs Vucic	Miss Nonna/Miss Ela	Miss Szczepaniak	Miss Smart
Friday 16th October			
Olivia Neriah Logan Jesse		Boris Joshua Pia Scarlett	
Friday 23rd October			
Sofia Rocco Rafe Nolan		Anais Christina Cillian Enzo	
Friday 6th November			
	Ziad Hugo Giovanni Ethan Aliyah		Alek Annie Ida Rafe Tallulah

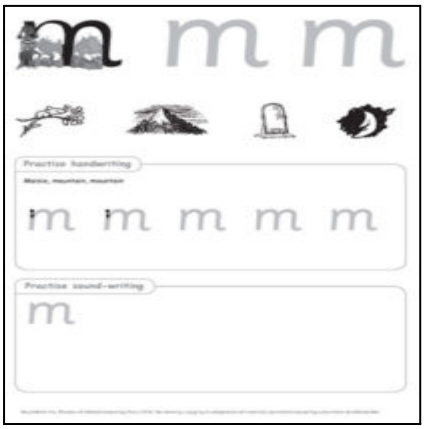
Friday 13th November			
Oriyah Nehir Alexandros Kamora		Cerys Eneko Oscar Zeya	
Friday 20th November			
	Elle Benedita Amelia Amanuel Avie		George Hugo Rose Phoebe Sofia
Friday 27th November			
Honor Giorgio Fabian Emma		Evelyn Gabriella Irina Leanora	
Friday 11th December			
Bowie Bertie Nalia Alba		Brammy Leo Ollie Vinnie	

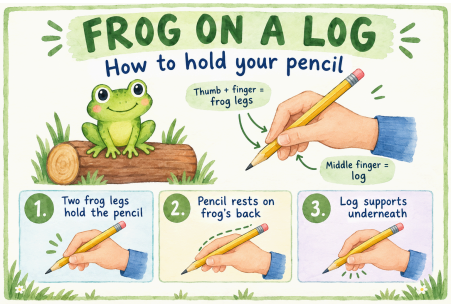
Letter Formation Practice

Here are the phonic sounds we learned last week! These activity sheets are for you to **keep at home for extra practise** - there is no need to return them to school.



They are a fantastic window into your child's learning, allowing you to see which sounds they are confident with and which ones might need a little extra repetition. The children have learnt these sounds last week and recap them every day in class.





Girls' Uniform - Top Tip!



As our Reception active play involves lots of climbing and tumbling on the outdoor equipment, we strongly encourage girls to wear a pair of dark cycling shorts or PE shorts under their school dresses or skirts.

This helps our little ones play completely freely, comfortably, and confidently all day long without having to worry about their skirts flying up! Thank you so much for your support with this.

Pantosaurus



This week, we met a new friend called Pantosaurus! Pantosaurus teaches us all about the PANTS rule. We have been singing along to our new favourite song so don't be surprised if you also hear it at home!

Why not give it a listen at home?

If you would like to find out more information about the PANTS rule, please follow the link below to the NSPCC Website:

NSPCC: Talk PANTS

Uniform



Please ensure that your children are wearing the correct St Vincent's Uniform. You can find further guidance on the correct uniform here: https://www.st-vincents.ealing.sch.uk/uniform/

Please note, all coats, scarves, hats and gloves should also be navy or black.

We completely understand that some families might find this challenging. If you require any support, please contact Mrs Hoogwerf on khoogwerf@stvps.co.uk .

Building Our Independence: Coats, Zips & Sleeves!



We have been working really hard in school on putting on and zipping up our own coats independently! We are also practicing how to flip inside-out sleeves back over to the right side before putting them on - a trick that takes lots of finger strength!

It would be wonderful if you could continue practicing these steps at home too. We know zips and twisted sleeves can be a little tricky, but encouragement at home makes a huge difference. Thank you for helping us grow into such confident, independent learners!

What to Bring When

Monday	Reading Folder, WOW Book (stays in school until Friday)
Tuesday	PE Day, Reading Folder (gets collected in)
Wednesday	(Reading Folder goes home)
Thursday	Reading Folder
Friday	Reading Folder, (WOW Book goes home)

Please ensure Word Walls remain in the Reading Folders :)

Communication

Our school has an open door policy and we will try to answer your queries at the door. However, if this is not possible then please feel free to contact us via our school email and we will endeavour to respond within the hours of 8am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

Rainbow Class: svucic@stvps.co.uk

Sunshine Class: wszczepaniak@stvps.co.uk

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday!
Mrs Hoogwerf, Mrs Vucic, Miss Szczepaniak,
Miss Ela, Miss Nonna and Miss Smart

