

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Reception at Bentley St Paul's! We are so excited to welcome your child to our class.

Working with your children this year will be myself, Miss Pienaar (Class Teacher), and Mrs Nicholson (Learning Support Assistant).

Our Topics This Term

We have a very exciting term ahead! Our main topics will be:

Me and My Community

Exploring Autumn

Sparkle and Shine

Winter Wonderland

Please take a look at our class Topic Web, which outlines all the wonderful learning experiences we have planned!

Reading at Home & Reading Evening

Reading is at the heart of early learning, and a strong home-school partnership makes a world of difference. The more your child reads, the greater the impact on their overall progress in both reading and writing.

Library Books: Your child will choose a library book to bring home and share with you.

Reading Expectations: We ask that you read with your child 5 times a week and record this in their reading diary to help establish a fantastic early reading routine.

Reading Evening: We will be holding a dedicated Reading Evening soon to explain how we teach reading at Bentley St Paul's and share practical ways you can support your child at home. Establishing this reading routine together is an essential first step before home-reading books are sent out.

Book Swap & Diaries: Once reading books are distributed, both reading books and library books will be changed every Thursday. Reading diaries will be checked for raffle tickets every Friday.

Daily Diaries: Children will read with an adult in school at least twice a week, so please ensure their reading diaries are brought into school every day.

PE Days & Guidelines

PE Days: Our PE sessions will take place on Mondays and Thursdays.

PE Kit: Children should arrive at school wearing their full school PE kit on these days.

Earrings Policy: For safety reasons, all earrings must be removed prior to PE. If your child cannot remove them independently, please remove them before coming to school. Please note that staff are unable to remove or tape earrings; unfortunately, if a child arrives with earrings in, they will not be able to participate in PE.

If there are any changes to PE days or upcoming events, we will communicate these with you via email.

Reminders & Healthy Snacks

Labelling: Please ensure all personal belongings are clearly labelled—including water bottles, lunch/snack boxes, jumpers, coats, and bags.

Healthy Snacks: We encourage healthy eating habits at school. Snack options sent in should be healthy (e.g., fruit or vegetables). If a child brings crisps or chocolate for snack time, we will ask them to keep it in their bag to enjoy after school and will provide them with a healthy alternative.

If you ever have any questions or worries, please don't hesitate to catch me at the end of the school day or contact the office to make an appointment.

We look forward to a wonderful, happy term ahead!

Warm regards,

The Reception Team