

Welcome to Hedgehog Class!



Hedgehog Class Newsletter Spring Term 2026

Class Teachers: Mrs Hannah Newlands & Mrs Emma Asfaw
HLTA: Mrs Trudy Snow

Dear Parents,

We would just like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Happy New Year.

The children settled so well into Hedgehog Class and did some truly wonderful learning in Terms 1 and 2.

Term 3 will begin 2026 with some exciting learning experiences, which include our Geography field trip to Bath at the end of the month, some science work about habitats around the world, African music and art, and some dance fitness during our DRUMBA sessions!

Below are some updated notes to help your child.

- PE will be on **Tuesday** and **Friday** afternoons during this term. Please ensure that your child is wearing their full PE kit on these days.
- For safety reasons, please can we ask that children do not wear jewellery (especially earrings) or watches to school on PE days. If children have long hair, it should be tied up for PE.
- Each Friday, the children will bring home a library book and a reading book. The children will choose their library book, but the reading book that they bring home will be at the reading level that they have been assessed at. The children are regularly assessed, so the reading book will often change level throughout the year. Please can you ensure that reading books and diaries are in bags every Friday for changing, along with their library books from the previous week. Please note that a reading/library book will not be provided to your child if they have not returned their books from the previous week.
- We will be listening to your child read regularly in school but we would be very grateful if you could also hear your child read at least 3 times a week for 10-15 minutes. Children love sharing their reading books with adults and their siblings and we really encourage lots of conversation about their texts

and what they are enjoying reading about. If you could sign their reading record and indicate if there are any issues with comprehension or vocabulary, it would help us to make sure we are supporting the children in their reading at home.

- Your child will write their spellings in the front of their yellow spellings book each Friday and then sent home. Your child should practice these on a separate piece of paper. Please send the spelling book back on the following Friday morning, so that your child can complete a spelling test at the back of the book, and fill in their new ones.
- If you haven't already done so, please can you provide your child with a pair of wellies that will remain in school.
- Please ensure you contact the school office or send an email via the class email if collection/walking home arrangements change.

Hedgehog Class arrangements

- Mrs Asfaw will be teaching Hedgehog Class every Monday until 1:30pm, and Mrs Newlands shall be teaching the class every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Mrs Asfaw is in school all week fulfilling her other important roles, so are we are lucky to be able to communicate together on these days, when we are both present.
- Mrs Newlands will be out of Class every Thursday afternoon for PPA time. This time will be covered by Mrs Snow.

We want to thank you for your continued co-operation and support this year and should you have any queries or concerns, please catch us on the door, either before or after school. Alternatively send an email and we will do our best to help.

With very best wishes, Mrs Asfaw, Mrs Newlands and Mrs Snow.