

How to support your child in Reception



Autumn 2026

The Website

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Each week the Sunshine / Rainbow pages on the website will be updated with photographs from the week.

Please take time to look at the photographs with your child and encourage them to talk about their learning.

On the website you will also find a Medium Term Plan which will show the intended weekly learning for the first half of term.

To Access the website either:

Search: St Philip Howard Catholic School

Or type the following link in the search bar:

<https://www.sphoward.herts.sch.uk/>

Homework

Homework will be uploaded to Google Classroom every Friday.

This consists of weekly videos showing the sounds and letters we've learnt this week.

When we start forming letters it is really important that you sit with your child and ensure they are forming them correctly.

The children also have access to Active Learn / Bug Club which will have games to support the phonics and books for them to read in addition to their home reader.

If you are struggling to access Google classroom please follow the videos on pages 8 and 9 or contact the office.

Reading

Children will bring home a phonics book and a story book every **Thursday**.

Please enjoy the story book with your child and support your child in reading the Phonics book as many times a week as you can.

Initially reading books will have no words. The children will need to be encouraged to use the pictures to tell the story. Once your child is confident with the first set of sounds they will bring books home based on the sounds they have learnt. The children will not all move at the same pace.

Guided Reading will take place at least three times a week at school.

Reading

Remember to spend as much time talking about the book as reading the book:

What is happening?

What might happen next?

Why did the character act like that?

What is your favourite part and why?

Each week please sign your name or place a tick in the comments section of your child's reading record before thursday. This helps us to know that your child is ready to move on to a different book.

Communication

If you have any concerns, please speak initially to your child's class teacher.

Your class teacher will refer you to the leadership team if necessary.

Appointments to see your child's teacher can be arranged through the school office.

Teachers are only available after school.

Partnership

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We very much look forward to working in partnership with you and your child over the coming year and we thank you for your continued support.



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We follow the way of Jesus by loving, learning and doing our best.

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Welcome to Rainbow Class

The staff in Rainbow Class are Miss Harvey-Smith, Mrs Markowicz, Mrs Jill Jellia, and Mrs Cooper. Teaching half a day on Wednesday and all day Friday will be Mrs Ndoda. We will attempt to update photographs weekly, showing a glimpse of the children's learning that week. Please take time to look at the photographs with your child each week and encourage them to talk about their learning.

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