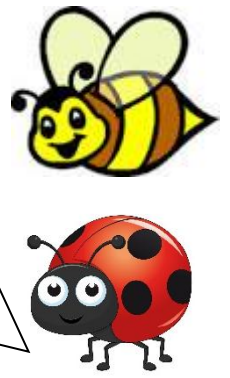


Dear Ladybirds and Bumblebees,

This weekend, we would like you to think about the sounds we have learnt so far (s,a,t,p). Can you spot any objects around your home or when you are out and about that start with these sounds? You could draw us a picture of what you find in your home school diary. Have fun!

Have a great weekend!

Love Buzz and Lottie



Week beginning 7th September 2026

Dear Parents/carers,

What a great week we have had here in Foundation! The children have been brilliant during their first full week at school and we are all extremely proud of them. They have been busy getting used to the new routines, particularly around lunchtimes and it has been lovely to see them become more confident and comfortable in their new environment.

They have also really impressed us with how well they have been coming into school each morning. As you may have seen in a separate letter, from Monday all Bumblebees and Ladybirds will start walking through the main gates on their own. They will walk up the slope to their classrooms. Parents/Carers will not be able to come through the main gates. This ensures that we are following safeguarding procedures. The children have been practising this at school this week and there will also be plenty of staff supporting the children in the mornings as well. Please do support us with this by preparing your child for a goodbye at the gate. If they feel a little unsure about this, finding a friend for them to walk into school with is also a great idea. Just a reminder that any important information that you need to share with us can be passed on to a member of staff on the gate. Alternatively, if you wish to speak to us at home time, please wait in the playground for the children to be dismissed and then we are always happy to chat.

We hope you have enjoyed receiving updates via Juniper. In Foundation, we use our 'Pot of Gold' in class as a way of recognising children who are demonstrating our school values of courtesy, respect, friendship, determination, equality and compassion. The children can receive badges from their teachers, so please look out for these on the app. If you have any issues logging on or accessing this then please speak to the school office.

We have continued to learn the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' this week. Can your child recite some of this to you at home? Perhaps they can show you the actions we have added to the story too? The children have also been practising recognising and writing their own name and in Maths they have been learning to subitise – which is when you can look at a group of objects or images, such as dots, and know how many there are without counting them one by one.

In your child's book bag today, you will find a wallet containing flashcards of the sounds that we have been learning this week (s, a, t, p), for the children to practise recall with at home. They will hopefully be able to tell you each sound and the accompanying action that helps us remember it. You may also like to practise blending some simple words, as suggested on the word list we have included with the sounds. Please don't worry if you are unsure of the sounds and how we teach phonics as we have our parent phonics workshop coming up on **Wednesday 23rd September at 5.00pm** which will provide you with all the information you need.

We have also included a sharing book for you to enjoy with your child. These are stories for you to read to your child and discuss with them. These will be changed once a week on a **Wednesday**. Please let us know if you have read it so we can change it for a new one.

Next week, we will start to send animaphonics books home, which initially focus on one sound at a time, and these will be changed on a **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Please ensure books are in bags on changeover days and that you have ticked or added a comment to let us know you have read them. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Finally, we have made each child a name card to help with practicing their name at home. We will be spending a lot of time on this at school and if you are able to have a go at home as well, it would be very much appreciated.

As part of our newsletter each week, we will also be sending home some key vocabulary for you to share with your child. Please look at the pictures and discuss the words together, as this will help to prepare them for their learning in the upcoming week.

In Foundation, we will have PE on a Monday and Friday, so children should come into school in their PE kit on these days. Please consider that we will be outside for PE, so children will still need a jumper with them. We will start PE sessions from Week 3 of this term, so Monday 14th September will be the first session.

Dates for your diaries

- **Wednesday 23rd September** – Parent Phonics Workshop at 5pm – This will be hosted by our Deputy Headteacher, Mr Evans. Please enter via the main door of the school and we will direct you to the classroom where it will be hosted.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask either by writing in your child's home-school diary, speaking to us at the end of the day, or calling the school office. Have a great weekend.

The Foundation Team

Key vocabulary for next week:



subitise

Being able to visually see a number of objects instantly without needing to count them out one at a time.



phoneme

A single sound in a word. Cat has three phonemes: c, a, t.



Explorer Time

A time during our day when you choose your own activity based on interests and key learning points.



Story map

A picture plan of a story, to help us remember the key parts and sequence of events so that we can retell it.



grapheme

The letter or letters we write to represent a sound.