VIOLET CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

A big welcome to you all!

The children have had a happy positive start and we are very much looking forward to working and playing with them during the next year to continue their learning journeys.

We have introduced the children to the whole school 'Rainbow Pledges'.

- We show respect to all members of our community
- We have trust in ourselves and others
- We strive to be the best we can be
- We look after the environment
- We are willing to make mistakes and learn from them
- We are kind, caring and friendly
- We are forgiving

Alongside these we are working with the children to create a display called 'Flying High', 'Striving to be the Best We Can Be', children have started to think about things that they can do now, what they would like to get better at and what they would like to be when they are older. Additionally, we will be creating a 'Our Hopes, Wishes and Goals' display. Please a message and label in your child's book bag to collaborate with this. The Early Years Curriculum supports children across all areas of development and enables us to support the whole child 'to be the best they can be'.

Early Years Vision at Sir Robert Hitcham

Our children will be nurtured physically, mentally and spiritually. Together we will create a safe and stimulating environment which supports the growth of independence, resilience, collaboration, respect and a love of learning. We will provide an engaging, creative and inspirational curriculum where each child is valued and enabled to achieve and lay strong foundations on which to build their future learning and life skills.

We are here to support you and your children and if at any time you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in contact with us.

Staffing

Monday	Mrs Valentine, Mrs Legge, Mrs Ringer, Miss Webster
Tuesday	Mrs Valentine, Mrs Legge, Mrs Ringer, Miss Webster, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Reeve
Wednesday	Mrs Bloomfield, Mrs Bullock, Mrs Ringer, Miss Webster
Thursday	Mrs Bloomfield, Mrs Bullock, Mrs Ringer, Mrs Gardiner
Friday	Mrs Bloomfield, Mrs Bullock, Mrs Legge, Mrs Ringer, Mrs Reeve, Miss Webster

What we are learning

Our topic theme for this term is 'Amazing me, Amazing you' We will be finding out about ourselves, our senses, our families and the community that we live in and people who help us.

Maths
In Maths we will be focusing on working with numbers 1- 5 and mastering them. We will continue to explore the concepts of shape, space and measure.

Literacy
In literacy we will be sharing stories with an emphasis on recall and demonstrating good listening and exploring different mark making and writing opportunities, such as writing our names. If your child writes/makes marks at home, please support them to use a consistently strong and correct pencil grip (pincer grip) and to form their letters correctly (letter formation sheet will be sent home in book bags). It is very important that all letters are started in the correct place with the correct orientation. When your child is writing their name please make sure they are using a capital letter at the start followed by lower case letters. Please encourage them to practice writing their name at home.

Reading
In reading we will be focusing on talking about the pictures and beginning to recognize letters and words. We will find out what authors and illustrators do.

Phonics
Our phonics program is called Little Wandle Letters and Sounds. There will be an opportunity for you to learn more about this in due course.

In phonics we will be practising our listening, alliteration and rhyme through Phase 1 (Nursery) and Phase 2 letter sounds and tricky words (Reception). Reception children will come home with 'phonics stickers' on their arms with the letter sound (phoneme) and tricky word we have learnt that day. Please practise these with them once they are home. They will also have a 'home learning' phonics sheet sent home every Friday. Please support your child to go through this to embed their phonics learning from the week.

Little Wandle reading books will be sent after we have started the phonics programme to allow time for children to start to learn some sounds and practice blending. This will be after the October half-term.

Communication and Language and Personal, Social and Emotional Development
We will be using talk to explore new meanings of words and begin to use talk to share our thoughts and feelings.

RE
In RE we will be exploring the questions 'Why is the word God so important to Christians?'

Things to know

Book Bags
Please send book bags in every day! Please do not put water bottles in book bags; they leak and books can get ruined. These are only things children need to bring into school each day. Thank you.

We please ask that children have up to one small keyring on their book bag. This is because the boxes they are stored in have limited space.

Nursery children will bring home a sharing and a reading book on a Monday, or the first day they attend in a week. There are lots of ideas at the back of the book to help you to engage your child.

Reception children will bring home a reading book on a Tuesday, this book will be a focus at school, as well as home, focusing on decoding, prosody (expression) and comprehension. They will bring a sharing book home on a Friday.

Please sign and comment when you have shared a story/heard your child read (ideally 5 -10 minutes every day). We will only change books if you have signed/commented.

PE

Our Hall slot will be every Monday afternoon. Please send the children into school wearing their PE kits i.e. school t-shirt, school jumper/cardigan, a pair of leggings/ joggers or shorts and trainers.

Lunches

Please share the menu with your child before school and help them decide what they would like for lunch. Every morning the teacher greeting you and your child will have a clip board where you can tell them what they are having. The menu is on the school website.

Snack

The children will have a healthy snack and a drink of milk and water mid-morning and will be given a piece of fruit in the afternoon. We will ask for contributions towards snack. We kindly ask for 10p per day and will send home individual contributions on a post-it-note in book bags shortly.

Please put the right amount of cash in a named envelope and hand this into the School Office.

Wellingtons

It would be very helpful if the children could have a pair of named wellingtons to stay in school ready for forest school and wet days.

Water Bottles

Please send the children in with a named water bottle every day.

Uniform

Please make sure all items of uniform are clearly named. If you name uniform in biro, please check it is still visible regularly (it can fade after washing)

We are very limited for space in our cloakroom, and we would be very grateful if you could put the children's spare change of clothes in a drawstring bag, rather than a rucksack, this can be left at school. Please send replacement clothes into school if we need to use your child's spare clothes.

We discourage the children from bringing their own toys into school so that they do not get lost or broken. There will be times when they can, but we will make sure that they are safe.

Illness

If your child is unfortunate enough to suffer from diarrhea and sickness, please make sure that they are clear of it for 48 hours before returning to school and that they have fully recovered from any illness before coming back.

Please check your child's hair regularly for head lice and treat thoroughly until gone.

Collection from School

It is important that we are aware of any changes to people collecting the children at the end of the day.

Class Dojo

Our online platform ‘Class Dojo’ is up and running. Invitations have been sent via email to your child’s notified main guardian. Please let us know if you require access for an another guardian. Please check it regularly, make comments and add your own observations and photographs. We are a partnership - children, parents and school working together to give the children the best opportunities, support and experiences in order for them to learn, progress and develop in all areas of the curriculum and their understanding of the world around them.

Supporting

We are hoping to improve our outside play area and would welcome any donations of bulbs that we could plant with the children. If you could spare any time to do some gardening with the children please let us know. Throughout the year, we have some exciting trips planned. We really appreciate and rely on parental support with these so if you are interested in doing so then a DBS will be required. Mrs Seccombe in the office will be able to assist you if you speak to her.

We are looking forward to an interesting term, supporting your children and building relationships with them. Thank you for your continued support.

The Early Years Team