

To learn, your child  
needs to be in school  
and on time.



Value your child's  
education and enable  
them to be  
the best that they can be.

# Welcome to Reception



**February 2026**

Our vision: 'Life in All its Fullness' (John 10.10) and our Christian Values are the foundations to affect change from within the heart of the community.

Children are encouraged to develop strong aspirations *educationally, socially, morally* and *spiritually* with a desire to make a positive difference in the world.



# Learning in Reception

## We are superheroes!

### What do I already know?

- I can talk about mine and others feelings.
- I know that I am part of a family and a community.
- I can recognise different special events.
- I can spot different seasonal changes.
- I can recognise the similarities and differences between places around the world.
- I explore water and ice.



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### Big Questions

How are superheroes amazing?

Was Jesus a superhero?

What special powers do you have?

### Religious Education

Who did Jesus spend time with?

Why do we celebrate Easter?

### Key person

Dr Ranj



### Key Vocabulary

Police, nurse, doctor, superhero, firefighter, paramedic, job, help, healthy, fruit, vegetables, potatoes, heart, body, fit, exercise, obstacle, jump, balance, move, explore, sculpture, design, create, make, discuss, share, imagination.

### Focus Books

Supertato series



Veggies Assemble



Run Veggies Run



Valley of doom



Evil Pea rules



I can save the Earth



### My Journey

- To learn about people who help us.
- To understand how to keep ourselves healthy.
- To recognise what happens to water when it is frozen.
- To know where vegetables come from.
- To know how to grow our own vegetables.
- To build an obstacle course.
- To explore sculpture.
- To learn about the famous artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

*honesty patience joy forgiveness tolerance thankfulness respect kindness friendship gentleness love hope*

# Reminders

## Start and End of day

	Arrival time	Collection time
Nursery	8.30—8.40	3:00
Reception	8:30-8.40	3:10
Year One and Year Two	8:30-8.40	3:10

At the start of the day, children are to arrive at their classroom door by 9.00am where they will be greeted by their classroom teacher.

On arrival, the children will be offered a breakfast item before learning commences.

At the end of the day, doors will open at 3.10pm for you to collect your child from their classroom.

Please stand well clear of the exit doors and wait for your child to come out to you.

If children arrive, or are collected late, parents must report to the school office.

## Contact with Staff

During drop offs and collections, it will not be possible to talk at length to your child's teacher on the door as this time can be very busy.

If you need to speak to an adult in school, please do so via telephone: 0121 675 8700 or you can email your child's class teacher directly.

Mrs Smith Cedar Class: cedar@hollyhill.bham.sch.uk

Miss Jones, Willow Class: willow@hollyhill.bham.sch.uk

If you need to speak to the office staff, we will operate a one-in-one-out system in the office reception area at the front of school.

# Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything we do here at Holly Hill and we want to help create a world where everyone is reading their way to a better life.

Research shows that reading for pleasure can:

- Promote better health and wellbeing.
- Help build social connections and relationships with others.
- Help children access other areas in their learning.
- Create more possibilities for future lives and achievements.

*Reading **every day** has a huge impact on your child's ability to read well. Please ensure that you spend a few minutes each day listening to your child and helping them to read. Asking questions and discussing images and what has been read can be extremely beneficial in the progression of your child's reading.*



All children should have a book bag. Please make sure that your child's **book and book bag is in school everyday.**

Sending home regular letters is one of the many ways we communicate with you, so please make sure you check it daily.

# Life in Reception...

## The Reception Team

- Miss Sharif—EYFS Leader
- Miss Jones—Willow Class Teacher
- Mrs Blaber—Willow Class Teaching Assistant
- Mrs Smith—Cedar Class Teacher
- Mrs Hood—Cedar Class Teaching Assistant

## PE

### is on Wednesdays

Please ensure that children have their full PE kit in school. As the weather gets cooler, you may want to send joggers and a sweatshirt for your child to wear during outdoor PE lessons.

## Homework

In addition to **daily** reading, your child will be given a set of sounds and words to learn. Regular practice will give your child the best start in their reading journey so please take a few minutes each day to help them with this.