



FRANKLIN NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

WELCOME

We are so excited to welcome all our new reception children on the first step of their journey at John Hellins Primary school. After our transition mornings, we have concluded that we are going to enjoy playing with and learning lots of things about animals, dinosaurs and enjoying train track building. In addition to this, we will be using the outdoor learning environment, so please expect lots of messy play! Thankyou for taking the time to allow us to come and visit you at home. It is always so lovely to have some time with your children individually.

PE

We will begin our PE sessions in a few weeks time once the children have settled in. Please make sure your child has removed earrings for this day as we cannot allow them to join in whilst wearing any jewellery. Thank you

ENGLISH

Reading and Writing

This term we will be sharing familiar and favourite stories. Using imaginative and creative language, we shall be repeating storylines with puppets, role play and small world characters. Please help at home by reading to your child as often as you can. If your child would like to bring in a book to share at story time they would be most welcome.

Franklin class can look forward to their first book a little later in the term. I have planned a brief meeting to explain how to support your child with reading and phonics at home. Information about this meeting will be sent via email shortly. Practising reading and spelling is the most important form of homework for our youngest children as it provides the biggest impact on their future learning. Your support with this will be invaluable. In school we shall read with the children fortnightly and we encourage them to change their books regularly by letting the adults know. We teach phonics daily.

PROJECT

It is fitting for the beginning of the school journey to learn about ourselves, our families and our school. Therefore our opening theme will be 'Celebrating us' We will talk about coming to school, our birthdays, celebrate our families and look at other celebrations such as Diwali, fireworks night and Christmas. Following this theme, we will celebrate Autumn and the beautiful colour changes. Over the term, children will have the freedom to explore the whole environment selecting their own learning both indoor and outdoor on a regular basis. We take the time to engage children in learning by focusing on their interests, so I predict lots of exploration around building, dinosaurs and lots of water play! Much of the learning for these next few weeks will continue to focus around key personal and social skills.

MATHS

In Reception we shall be enjoying exploring and using numbers up to 20. This will involve singing number songs, counting objects, toys and snacks and many more practical investigations. Please help at home by looking out for numbers in the environment .

IMPORTANT DATES

Admin System Meeting:

Tuesday 8th September 2026

(Face to Face, followed by Online)

Phonics Meeting:

Tuesday 6th October 2026 @ 9:30