

Sunbeams Newsletter 5



FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 17TH NOVEMBER 25

Latest News

Over the next couple of weeks we will turn our attention to night and day, the moon and the sun. Our Little Wandle Phonics has got off to a great start and children are really tuning into the sounds (phonemes) they can hear at the beginning of words. Please continue to support us with this and share on Tapestry anything you do at home. Our observation focus for Tapestry over the next few weeks will be Physical Development. We encourage you to take a moment to read through the observations and share any comments or insights you feel are relevant. We have also begun sharing weekly memos to keep you up dated on our phoneme, book and maths of the week. Please note that from now on, weekly memos will now replace the fortnightly newsletter on Tapestry. You can still access the full newsletter on the school website, and a copy will also be sent to your email address via Teachers to Parents.

School Applications: Don't forget you can apply for a reception place for September 2026 now for children born between Sept 1st 2021 to August 31st 2022. The portal closes on 15/1/26.

How You Can Join In

Where in the World?



At our school, we love learning about the amazing world we live in. Please take some time to talk with your child about our planet and the many wonderful places people call home. If you have been on holiday, have friends or family in another country, or speak another language, share these experiences with them so we can celebrate the diversity and cultures that make our school community so special. You might enjoy looking at photos together and talking about what is different and what is the same between that place and where we live. If you and/or your child speak another language, we would love for you to post a short video on Tapestry so we can share it with the class.

Important Dates

Tuesday 18th Nov - 5-7pm - Open Evening for Prospective Parents
Friday 21st Nov Fri 28th Nov - FOSS Hot Chocolate Friday (Infant Playground)
Monday 1st December INSET Day - School Closed
Tuesday 9th December - Sunbeams Christmas Concert
Friday 19th December - Last day of term - Children finish at 1pm
Christmas Holidays!!
Children back on the 5th January 2026

Fortnightly Phonics

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What phoneme (sound) do these make? Can you hear these phonemes in someone's name you know?

MATHS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Counting and subitising

Please support your child by helping them count objects they find.



Books and Rhymes

Wow Said the Owl by Tim Hopgood
Whatever Next! Jill Murphy
Twinkle Little Star
3 Little Men in a Flying Saucer



Messages

Save the date: Sunbeams Christmas Concert

Our Sunbeams will soon begin practising their favourite festive songs in preparation for a very special Christmas concert on **Tuesday 9th December at 2:15pm in the school hall**. If your child does not usually attend on a Tuesday afternoon, you are warmly invited to bring them along at 2:15pm so they can join their friends on stage, or simply enjoy the performance with you. We can't wait to share this joyful celebration with all our families!

Baby Wipes Needed! We're running low on baby wipes and would love your help! Any donations are greatly appreciated—thank you for supporting our little ones. ❤️

Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgateschool.co.uk>

Who to contact:

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