

11th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are so impressed with how quickly Cygnus pupils have settled. Here are a few reminders:

Water bottles

Please ensure that your child has a clearly labelled water bottle in school.

PE

As part of the Early Years curriculum, pupils in Reception have regular opportunities for physical development through continuous provision in both gross motor skills such as balancing, running, jumping, throwing, catching and fine motor skills such as pencil control, threading, cutting and drawing.

We also have a PE lesson on a Friday morning so pupils will need to have their PE kits in school. Please ensure PE kits include socks and trainers as we will occasionally go outside for PE. As the weather worsens, we will send home PE kits for washing if they get dirty/muddy. Please return them the following week.

Home Learning

In Cygnus, we continue to have a 'word of the week' linked to our learning in class. Each week, this word is sent home via Homeroom. Please could you discuss these words at home and send a photo of an example or interpretation of the word to our class email address cygnushomework@stpeters.oxon.sch.uk.

Our 'word of the week' pictures are shared with pupils so they have an opportunity to discuss them. We are also now sharing on homeroom, the pupil who receives a certificate each week.

Clothes

This term we will go for walks around the village. If you took wellies home at half term, please make sure you bring in a pair for this term for muddy/wet play and walks. These need to be clearly labelled.

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled. Jumpers and cardigans are taken off and put on several times a day and are easily misplaced when not easily identified. Learning in reception is also sometimes messy, so it's really helpful to know what belongs to who!

Nativity

Belonging, Believing, Building a Future

We will shortly be sending out more information about Christmas and Nativity events.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We can be contacted during working hours at cygnushomework@stpeters.oxon.sch.uk. However, any urgent queries should be directed to the school office.

Now children are used to routines, please try and say goodbye at the gate, rather than come into the classroom, as the cloakroom area can get very busy!

Many thanks,

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