

Monday 13th April 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Summer term 1.

Here are a few reminders you may find helpful:

Water Bottles

Thank you for sending your children to school with their water bottles freshly filled each day. We encourage them to drink often, but most of them drink at regular intervals throughout the day unprompted now which is great! We refill bottles during the day if they are empty.

Book Bags

The children are reading well and are listened to by us at school. Please remember to pop their phonics book in their book bag each day. This year is the National Year of Reading – more information can be found here: [Resources](#) | [National Year of Reading 2026](#) | [Go All In](#)

Milk and Snack/Lunch

Children in Reception have a daily snack of milk and fruit/veg which we eat and drink sat down together. (Milk is charged at 25p a day once a child turns 5 if you wish them to continue). Every Thursday they are still offered crackers with unsalted butter and they are all independently spreading them. We arrange the tables to ensure an adult faces them as they eat and drink.

If they stay for Wrap Around @ St Peter's (WASP) they can bring a snack in a labelled pot/bag in their book bag. Please be aware **we do not allow nuts** in school and snacks need to be healthy. Any grapes/cherry tomatoes or similar sized items for WASP snack or packed lunches need to be halved/quartered to reduce choking risk please.

PE

As a reminder, as part of the Early Years curriculum, children 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.

The children enjoy their PE lesson on a Friday morning. Please check that their PE bags include shorts/tracksuit bottoms and t-shirts and that everything is named. The children will need trainers this term as some of their lessons are outside.

Home Learning

Thank you for sending in photos/work for our 'word of the week' linked to our learning in class. Our 'word of the week' pictures are shared with the children in carpet sessions and pictures are sometimes added to class floor books for them to see.

Each week we focus on a different group of children and observations will be carried out and shared on Evidence Me. You should see pictures or videos of your child at least once every half term.

Please do not share any pictures or information from Homeroom or Evidence Me more widely. Only staff and parents of this class should access it.

Clothing

Please can we remind you to check your child's wellies to see if they still fit them. We will post on Homeroom when we plan to take the children on walks and for Outdoor Explorer sessions. The children will occasionally still need warmer clothes and waterproofs for outdoor explorers and outdoor activities. We will let you know when this is so you can bring them in a plastic bag. It would be helpful not to have these in school for the whole of the summer term to save space. It is important that arms and legs are still covered, even when it's warmer, to avoid nettle stings or thorns etc.

Please check clothes are clearly labelled.

Learning in reception is also sometimes messy, especially now we have a wonderful sandpit to use. A change of clothes in a separate, named carrier bag would be useful (thank you so much to those who already provide these). We are very happy to support your children with toileting and will remind children to go as often as we can.

Hats and sun cream

As we will hopefully be experiencing warmer weather, please provide children with sun hats or caps to be worn outside. Sun cream should be applied before school. There are a number of once-a-day sun creams available. If children need sun cream applying more regularly, please put a labelled small bottle in their book bags and we will oversee them applying this themselves.

Toys from home

To prevent loss or damage and unnecessary distraction, we kindly ask parents to ensure that children leave personal toys at home unless we request, they bring them in. It would be helpful if you could limit keyrings or tags on bookbags to one item that can be easily identified.

Dates

Tuesday 14th April – 'Vets and Pets' visit

Wednesday 22nd April – Visit to 'Cotswold Wildlife Park'. Please let us know if you have a pass for the park by the first week back.

Thursday 23rd April – Outdoor Explorers

Thursday 7th May – Chicken visit

Friday 22nd May – End of Summer term 1

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.

Many thanks,

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