

Newsletter Autumn One



A Warm Welcome to
Reception 2025-2026



Home of the Foxes and the Owls



A HUGE, **WARM** WELCOME to St Michael in the Hamlet Community Primary School (**S.M.I.T.H**)! We are so pleased that you chose us as your primary school and we are very much looking forward to sharing new experiences with you and supporting your child as they embark upon their learning journey! We have had a fantastic first couple of weeks getting to know all of our fabulous foxes and awesome owls and we cannot wait to see just how much they learn and grow in Reception.

Curriculum - We have been exploring the theme '**All Together Now!**'



Our main text focus has been 'The Gingerbread Man';

- exploring rhyme and repetition.
- talking about our uniqueness and individuality and families.
- Creating obstacle courses to explore ways of moving
- creating a healthy meal for the gingerbread person.
- building relationships and learning all about our feelings.

Please see our topic web on our class page on the website for more curriculum information.

Lunches - Children go to our infant hall to have their lunch. We offer a variety of meals; this menu can be viewed on our school website. A polite reminder that we are a nut free school. Those who are having packed lunch, we kindly ask that it has a healthy balance.

Snack – All children are provided with milk and a snack every day. Snack is free and milk is free up until the term your child turns five. Please sign up to 'Cool Milk' to purchase milk. This can be done now in preparation for when they turn five. If you send your child in with a fruit snack like grapes and strawberries, please slice these in half, lengthways. Please send your child in with a water bottle each day, clearly labelled with their name on.

Physical Education - PE sessions are on a **Wednesday** afternoon. Our PE Kit is: a white t-shirt, plain black or blue jogging pants and jacket or their school jumper or cardigan. Trainers should be worn on these days. No jewellery is permitted, except small, discrete studs.

Labelling items of clothes - **A plea** - Please make sure all items such as; jumpers/ cardigans, woolly hats, scarves, packed lunches and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Home Readers - Before the end of the half term, your child will bring home a **book bag** with a reading record and 2 books. 1 is a reading for pleasure and 1 is part of our phonics scheme. We ask that you try to read with your child a few times a week and bring their book bag back every **week** to be changed. If you read an online book please note this down in your child's reading log too. ☺ Book bags will be changed every **Wednesday**.

Communication

Many thanks for signing up to class dojo. We will continue to use this to share updates and will let you know about things happening in class such as; day trips, enrichment activities, special learning events and visitors. This is the most effective and responsive communication tool with your child's reception teacher. **If you need an urgent response please call the school office.**



Play Ground Before and After School

A polite notice from Miss Moreton:

We have had several injuries involving children on our playground equipment when they have been dismissed. We also have a large number of children on the equipment during this time and it is not safe. **Please do not use any playground equipment before or after school.**

I would also like to remind you that **children should not be using bikes or scooters on the playground.** This is to ensure the safety of your children AND our whole community.

Please could we also remind you that **dogs are not to be brought onto the school playground**, even if they are being carried. Thank you

Key Information

Further information to follow on Class Dojo / Parent App for all of these events listed below.

- **Parents Evening** – Wednesday 15th October and Thursday 16th October 2025.
- **SMITH Spooky Disco** – Tuesday 21st October 2025. 3:15 – 4:15pm
- **Topic Dress Up Day: Tuesday 14th October 2025.**

'What do you want to be when you grow up?'

The Reception Team

Miss Knutsen and Mrs Horscroft (Foxes) and Mrs Cahill (Owls)
Miss Corridon, Miss Emmerson, Mrs Vicky and Miss Dodd (Support staff)