

# Reception Class Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Mothers Day to all our Mums and special people in our children's lives, including Nans and Grandmas too. The children have been busy making cards and thinking about what makes their Mums special. We also had a think about how we can say thank you to our Mum for all the things they do for us each and every day, keeping our toys tidy, giving them a hug, asking if they have had a good day as our Mums ask us when we come out of school,.....

In maths the focus has been on 3D shapes including the sphere, cylinder, cube, cuboid and pyramid. Vocabulary used has included, flat surface, curved surface, roll, slide and stack. The children sorted the shapes according to different criteria and used the solid 3D shapes for printing to explore the flat, 2D shape which were made. Looking for 3D shapes in the environment led to vocabulary used, "almost a sphere" or "almost a cylinder".

Children continue to make good progress in phonics and are seen to be using their reading and writing skills outside of the phonics lesson which is ultimately our aim. Next week Mrs Sargent, the school Phonics Lead will be reassessing all children, staff are looking forward to the results. Children then may be regrouped depending on the results of the assessment.

As the weather improves we have continued to note the changes to our outdoor environment. Shoots, buds and leaves are all beginning to grow as Spring is upon us. A tomato plant from last year is beginning to flower and the apple and pear trees have developed buds and leaves. Within the "Understanding the World" section of the EYFS Curriculum, being able to see, hear and feel changes to our natural world is the objective. When you are out and about draw your child's attention to the changes you can see, there are beautiful cherry trees in blossom at the moment and many daffodils too.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Reception Staff