

## 🌟 Reception Newsletter – January 2026 🌟

Dear Reception Parents,

❄️ What a different way to start the school year with all that snow! I am so pleased that we are now back to our normal lessons, and as a Reception team, we are really looking forward to the term ahead.

Miss Hickman will be joining our Reception team and will be teaching your children on a Friday. We cannot wait to welcome her to the Crackley Bank team, and I am sure you will do the same. 😊 Her email address is [j.hickman@crackleybank.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:j.hickman@crackleybank.staffs.sch.uk)

### A few reminders:

📖 **Reading at home:** Please read with your child daily and write in their diary so we know they have read. You can simply sign or even leave a short message. Please write on the **right-hand side** of the page.

📚 **Book bags:** Please ensure your child brings their book bag to school every day.

💧 **Water bottles:** Please send a water bottle with fresh water each day. We will send them home every night to be washed.

🧥 **Weather preparation:** As the weather continues to change, please ensure your child comes to school prepared with a **coat, scarf, hat and gloves**, as we use the outdoor area every day.

🍽️ **School lunches:** Can be viewed [here](#). Children who wish to have a school lunch can make their choice in the morning.

🏃 **PE:** PE will now be on **THURSDAY**, so your child needs to come to school dressed in their PE kits. Please remove all earrings at home.

This half term we will be exploring the work of the author **Julia Donaldson**. 📖 Stories such as *The Gruffalo*, *The Smeds and the Smoos*, and *The Smartest Giant in Town*, will help us to learn about a variety of topics. You may hear your child talking about **hibernation, friendships**, or other themes inspired by these stories. 🐻🐱🐯. You will be able to see all of our learning on our website [here](#) and see the Crucial knowledge for the term [here](#).

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at [k.norcup@crackleybank.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:k.norcup@crackleybank.staffs.sch.uk) ✉️

Thank you for your support, and we are excited for a wonderful term ahead! 🌈

Warm regards,

**The Reception Team**