



# Irthlingborough Nursery and Infant School

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## Read, read, read!

We are really focusing on reading with our children. Phonic knowledge is key to supporting children to learn to read. We have daily phonics lessons across the school to focus on learning the phonic code for reading. When children first start developing reading skills we ensure that the books they read are not too challenging but match the sounds they know so they can access reading straight away. Many of our Reception children will start with books without or with very few words.

As the children develop their phonetic awareness and can access more words this will be reflected in their home reader. At the moment, we are not sending out or changing the books as often as before due to the focus matching of text to child and also due to our pandemic risk assessment. We are looking at safe ways to send home more books, including using Reading Eggs, an online reading and phonics programme.



## Behaviour

We have high expectations of behaviour at INIS and to ensure our children quickly pick up our rules we explain them simply. We use a simple 1,2,3 peg system to help children understand the rules but also to make amends when things go wrong. We use restorative conversations with the children, which work around four key questions.

**What happened?**

**How are you feeling?**

**How are others feeling?**

**What do you need to do to make things better?**

A child will move a peg to level 1 for minor incidents as a reminder, for example it could be for calling out or not getting on with a task. The child at this point has an opportunity to bring their behaviour back in line. If they are unable to do this they will move to stage 2 where again they have the opportunity to improve their behaviour, but if they are unable to do so they move to stage 3. There will be a consequence at this level which may be missing a break time or seeing a senior member of staff. Teachers will not inform parents of small rules breaks which are quickly resolved. Parents will be informed if there are any ongoing behaviour issues and we will work with parents to improve this. We do not tolerate bullying and this may move straight to level three and parents will be involved. The behaviour policy is in our information section on website, you can follow the links below.

[Behaviour and relationships policy](#)

[Anti-bullying policy](#)



## Dates for the diary

6 <sup>th</sup> October (nursery photos January)	School photographs for Reception to Yr 2
7 <sup>th</sup> October 11am	New Reception 2021 virtual Zoom tour
9 <sup>th</sup> October	Home learning to come in New homework goes out
12 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm	New Reception 2021 virtual Zoom tour
15 <sup>th</sup> October (On the website)	Reading and phonics workshop via Zoom for Reception and KS1
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Home learning to come in New homework goes out
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Break up for the Autumn break
3 <sup>rd</sup> November (Tuesday)	Return to school

**APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE** Does your child turn 4 on or before 31 August 2021?

Deadline: 5pm Friday 15th January 2021

It's time to apply for a Reception place

Children First | www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions

## Parking and pick ups

The school site is difficult to access during normal times but during our site's Covid measures it is increasingly difficult. The access road is used for parents and children walking into the site and dropping off. Please do not use the access road as a turning area or drop off point. Disabled drivers can not park here either, they can park on double yellow lines but not on zig zag lines or at the entrance of a school. [Responsibilities for Blue Badge holders](#). We know this is difficult for some members of our school community so please if our able bodied drivers, park away from the school this would support our families who need to park closer. There is plenty of space at the Cross car park and only a short walk for able bodied community members.

**KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!**



I have also had some complaints from local residents, regarding parents and children waiting for older siblings on College Street. They have been sitting/climbing on the walls, standing in a private underpass, waiting on private paths. This seems to be particularly for parents waiting for year four children. Please can you be mindful of our local residents.

**Thank you** to all those families who are arriving on time or maybe a few minutes later to go into class to relieve the pressure on the site and ensure your child has a calm start to the day. **The school gates will not open until just after quarter to nine and ten to three in the afternoon.**



## Pupil Premium

You will have seen the recent letter regarding Pupil Premium. I would like to urge parents who think they may be eligible to apply. We know during the pandemic many family's circumstances changed even for just a while. If you have claimed one of the benefits listed recently or are doing now it is worth checking to see if you are eligible.

**If you need any support with this, please contact the school office, we will be happy to help.**



If you are receiving **any one of the awards** listed below then you are eligible for the pupil premium grant:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit

There is no stigma or difference for your child in class other than they will be supported more for their individual needs. There will be a £100 voucher parents can use. The Pupil premium lasts **for six years even if your work situation changes**. Please claim for what you are entitled to. It can support you and your family. If we go into lockdown again it may even help to support with weekly food shopping. Families were able to receive £15 per registered child to help with shopping which came directly to your email as a simple voucher.

The voucher can be used to pay for:

- Trips and visits
- Payment for clubs
- Uniform such as a new sweatshirts/cardigans or PE T-shirts (£30 maximum).
- Books from the school book fair (maximum £20).
- School milk (if your child is over 5 years of age).
- School photographs (maximum £20)
- Snack

What can I use the voucher for?



We have the school photographer in this week so this is an ideal opportunity to check your eligibility and then maybe use some of the voucher to pay photographers if that is what you would like to do. We will be bringing clubs and trips back when it is safe to do so too and we are looking to do a virtual school book fair soon.



**Call**  
01604  
366656



**Apply online**



Text **'FSM'** followed by your full name, National Insurance Number, your child's name and school name to **60622**

## Reception Target Tracker

We have had an issue with the logins for **Target Tracker**. This is an issue with Target Tracker themselves, so we are working hard with them to try and resolve it as soon as possible. We will inform parents when this is fixed. We are sorry for the inconvenience as we know families enjoy seeing the observations we take in school. In the meantime, please look at our Twitter photos for Reception. Remember you can also use Twitter to share practical homework tasks in photo or a short video [@inisreception](#)



## Applying for a school place for 2021

To apply for Reception or Year three places for 2021, please follow the link below. Even if you are in our nursery you still need to apply for a school place. If you need any help please let the school office know as we can support.

We have two virtual tour sessions booked at present and more to come! **7<sup>th</sup> October at 11am** and **15<sup>th</sup> October 2pm**. Contact the school to book a place. [Apply for a school place here](#)

## Parent Partnership meetings

We are planning to hold our parent partnership meetings via Zoom this Autumn to ensure parents can have access to teachers in a confidential setting and they can find out how their child is settling into their new class, year group and school. It certainly is challenging times for everyone but we feel this is the best way to conduct these meetings safely.

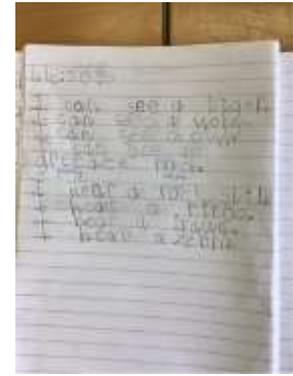
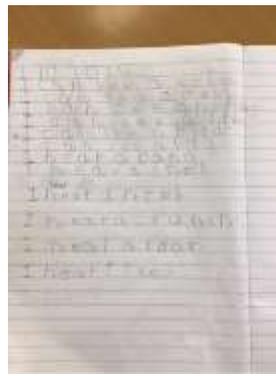
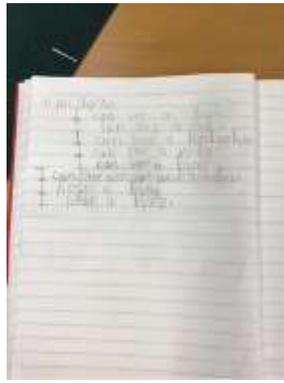
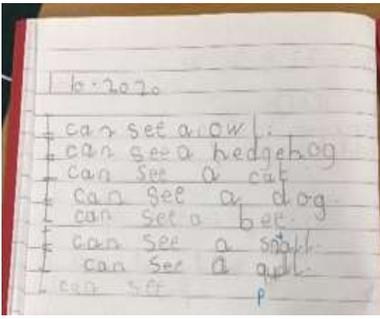


We will have two sessions. The afternoon of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. This is a teacher training day so your child may be with you, which is fine for them to be part of the meeting and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November with time slots after the school day. You will need a tablet, smart phone or laptop to make these meetings work successfully. Please email your class teacher if you do not have any of these and they will arrange a telephone consultation at a different time. More details and a booking system will follow soon.

## YEAR ONE A GREAT START!



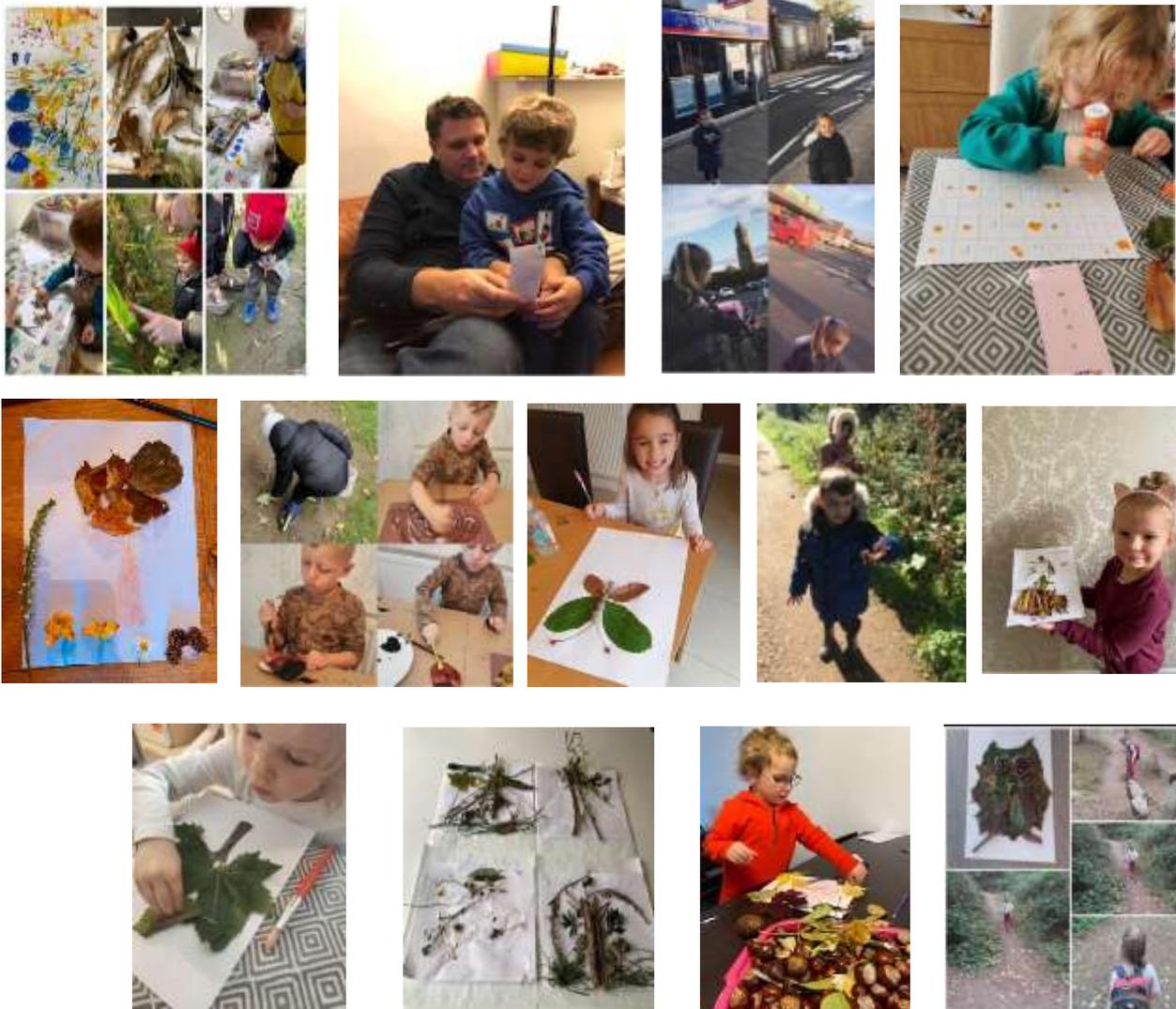
*Year One have been very busy with their learning. They have been active in our nature area. Learning lots about numbers and doing some fantastic writing! They have all read to their teachers too!*



The Year one children have started doing some fantastic independent writing! They have had the Bear Hunt story and Take a Walk Little Bear Story and used these to come up with their own simple sentences! I'm also seeing our Kinetic Letters handwriting improving!

For more information visit our website: <https://www.irthlingborough-inf.northants.sch.uk/home>

### Amazing Homework from our Reception children



In our next newsletter we will see some photographs from Year Two and Nursery.

## Flu Vaccine

Our children will have the opportunity to have the flu nasal vaccine on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December** in school. Please ensure you fill in the consent form which has been emailed out to all parents with children in Reception, Year one and Year two. I am satisfied that a full risk assessment is in place from the NHS and the nurses administering the vaccine.

[This poster](#) emphasises why it is important to get the flu vaccine and this link <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine/>. The nasal spray flu vaccine can cause a mild fever which should respond to paracetamol. Giving the child a flu vaccine means that the family is less likely to get flu so less likely to need testing and self-isolation. Therefore, the key thing is that a temperature following the vaccine will respond to paracetamol, whereas Covid won't.



**Protecting your child against flu**

Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions to reduce harm from flu. Talk to your GP, practice nurse or your child's school nurse if you want more information about when and how your child will be vaccinated against flu.

With COVID-19 circulating it is more important than ever to ensure your children take their free flu vaccine.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children with potentially serious complications, including bronchitis and pneumonia. The children's flu vaccine is offered annually as a nasal spray in September/October to protect young children against flu.

**Which children will receive the free flu vaccine this year?**

In the autumn/Winter of 2020-21, the vaccine will be available free on the NHS for eligible children, including:

- Children aged two or three years old (on 31 August of current flu season)
- All primary school-aged children
- All year 7 secondary school-aged children
- Children with a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu
- Children who live with someone who is on the NHS Shielded Patient List

**Who will give the children's flu vaccination?**

- Children aged two and three years old will be given the flu vaccine by their GP surgery.
- School aged children will be given the vaccine by a nurse in the school or in a community setting.
- Children aged six months - two years old who are at high risk from flu will be given the vaccine at their GP surgery.
- Children aged two - 17 with long term health conditions will receive the flu jab from their school nurse or GP surgery.

**reasons to vaccinate your child**

- 1. Protect your child.** The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family & friends.** Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable family and friends
- 3. No injection needed.** The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu.** The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs.** If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

**What should I do?**

Contact your child's GP if your child was aged two or three years old (on the 31 August of the current flu season) and you haven't heard from them by early November.

If your child is at primary school or in year 7 of secondary school, please complete the online/paper consent form that your school will send. If your child has a health condition that puts them at greater risk from flu, or lives with someone on the NHS Shielded Patient List, they are also eligible for the flu vaccine.



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[Click here to go to our Twitter feed on our website](#)