



SCHOOL CHURCH COMMUNITY

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Cassatt Class Newsletter - Autumn 2026

Dear Cassatt Parents,

Welcome to the start of the school year and a very warm welcome to the new families that are joining us. Thank you for allowing us to visit you at home. Our visits gave us an opportunity to meet with you and your child in your own environment. We gain such valuable information which assists us in providing a smooth transition into school. Our main objective this term is to ensure that all the children settle happily into school, make new friends and become comfortable and confident with the day-to-day routines.

The Curriculum

The Foundation Stage Curriculum is broken down into seven areas of learning: Prime areas - Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Communication and Language and specific areas - Literacy, Mathematics, Understanding of the World, Expressive Arts and Design and Physical Development. Over the term, the children will participate in all these areas: learning through play, story, discussion, rhymes, music and in so many other ways. We hope you enjoy hearing about them all from your child!

Throughout the year, we will follow different lines of enquiry following an 'I wonder' theme. We are going to start this term with the question 'I wonder what is special about me?'. We will follow the children's interests as our learning progresses and will be considering what is special about ourselves, our families and our school, as well as the world around us.

We will be holding an **Early Reading and Phonics Evening on Thursday 1st September at 2:45pm**. We would love to see as many of you as possible. Please let us know if you are unable to make it.

The great outdoors: We try to ensure we are out enjoying the fresh air whatever the weather! Therefore, we would like to remind you to provide your child with named **waterproof clothing and wellies** in a bag that can stay on their peg.

Fruit snack: School will supply a fruit snack each day however if you know that your child prefers certain fruit or vegetables you are very welcome to supply these in a named container. Alternatively, children can bring a healthy snack in line with school policy.

Water bottles: Please provide your child with a **named water bottle** each day.

PE Please provide your child with a named **PE kit of shorts, T-shirt, tracksuit top and bottom and trainers**.

Phonics and Reading: We follow a phonics and reading scheme called 'Little Wandle'. The children will have daily phonics lessons and each week will bring home a phonics practice sheet to let you know which sounds we have been learning so you can practice these at home. The children will also take part in small group reading sessions at school and will then bring the book home so they can read this with you. The children will also get a reading for pleasure book for you to share together at home. This will be a book for you to read to your child.



We will be sharing more information about our 'Little Wandle' phonics and reading scheme at the Early Reading and Phonics Evening.

Reception Baseline

All Year R pupils are required to complete the government baseline. It is a short, interactive and practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication, language and mathematics skills when they begin school. We will go into more detail about this during our Curriculum Evening. Here is a link to a document written to inform parent about the assessment in more detail: [Reception baseline assessment: information for parents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents)

We are excited to be on this adventure with you all and hope you have a wonderful experience with us.

The Cassatt Team

Mrs Smith, Mrs Bedford, Mrs Francis and Ms Upsher