

Hares Class Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have a fun packed term ahead in Hares class as we will be answering the question: 'Who am I?' Through the topic we will be exploring our families, homes, local community and bodies through different areas of the curriculum.

Writing (helicopter stories):

The children will be narrating their own stories which will be read out and performed at the end of the day.

Phonics and Reading:

Phonics teaching will start on Monday The children will start by learning their set one sounds and develop their blending ability. Each day your child will come home with a QR code which will be linked to the sound they have been taught. To help your child succeed, please watch these short videos with your child. More information will be explained at the **Phonics Workshop on Thursday 24th September at 6pm.**

When your child brings home a reading book, please hear them read each night and write in their reading diary so house points can be awarded.

Your child will bring home a library book and a reading for pleasure book for you to share with them.

Maths:

The children will be matching, sorting and comparing different objects, pictures and amounts.

RE:

The children will be answering the question: Being special: Where do we belong?

We would like to invite **Grandparents** to school to celebrate 'Grandparents Day' on **Tuesday 6th October from 1:30-3:00**. We would like to share the fun we have in the forest area and make dens together.

Each Tuesday morning the children will be partaking in PE lessons. Please can you encourage your child to leave their named PE kit in school, and we will send it home for washing at the end of each half term unless it gets dirty during lunchtime!

Each **Tuesday** afternoon we will visit the **forest area** with the children from The Nest. On these days the children will need to come to school in their school uniform and bring named forest clothes in a bag. The children need to wear long sleeves and long trousers to protect them in the forest area. They can wear their wellies which are being kept in school.

Each Wednesday the children will be joining the children in The Nest to complete different woodwork tasks. Once a month the children will visit the **church** for their Godly Play session.

In September we will be giving each child an opportunity to 'Adopt a Shelf' in our class reading area. Each **Wednesday** one child will be asked to bring 3 favourite stories from home to share throughout the week. Please make sure the books are clearly named.

What to bring to school:

- Reading book (when handed out)
- Reading for pleasure book (when handed out)
- Reading diary (when handed out)
- Named Favourite book from home (Wednesday -when asked)
- Library Book (this will be changed every Thursday)
- Named waterproof coat
- Named sun hat
- Named water bottle (containing water only please)
- Named lunch box (unless ordering a lunch through Red Hen)
- Named wellies (to be kept in school)
- Named PE kit (to be kept in school)
- Named Forest School kit (Tuesday)

We ask that only water is sent in as this is healthiest choice for the children. The children will continue to have fruit provided at snack time but if they prefer, they can purchase a healthy snack from the tuck shop (order through the office or send in 50p). Children under 5 years old get milk for free but if your child is over 5 this can be purchased via the office.

Please remember to leave all toys and pencil cases at home to avoid upsets. We have everything your child needs in the classroom.

First day routine- Friday 4th September 8:40am-1pm:

Please come to the side green gate and bring your child into school. Please hang their bags on their named peg and bring them into the classroom. When they are settled then please say goodbye. The children will have lunch in school. Please come to the side gate at 1pm to collect them.

From Monday 7th September 8:40-3:15pm:

You are welcome to bring your child to the classroom and settle them. Hopefully they will soon be confident and be able to say goodbye at the green gate (unless they are coming by bus).

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1st September- Home Visits

Thursday 3rd September- Home Visits

Friday 4th September- Children start school 8:40am-1pm

Monday 7th September- Children start full time.

Thursday 24th September-6pm Phonics Workshop for parents/carers

Tuesday 6th October-Grandparents Afternoon

Tuesday 13th October-Parents Evening

Wednesday 14th October-Parents Evening

Friday 16th October-School Photographs

Friday 23rd October- Break up

Monday 2nd November- School reopens

Monday 7th December- Christingle in Church 9am

Tuesday 8th December- Nativity Play 9:30am

Wednesday 9th December- Nativity Play 2pm

Homework For Reception

Please share stories and rhymes with your child. During the phonics workshop on Thursday 24th September at 6pm I will explain ways to help support your child's reading journey at home.

Every **Thursday** Hares Class will visit the school library in the church. They will choose a book to take home for you to share with them. Please return the book each Thursday so your child can choose another one.

To support your child with maths, talk to them about things you notice for example, you have 3 fish fingers, this mirror is a circle etc.

I will be in class full time apart from every Thursday morning. I will be updating the class story on dojo daily with any messages or updates about Hares class. If you have any concerns, please speak to me on the gate or via the office email (office@lindridge.worc.sch.uk).

Kind Regards

Mrs Thomas