



WHISTON WILLIS  
PRIMARY ACADEMY  
WADE DEACON TRUST



# Reception Class Newsletter

22.05.2026

## News

### Literacy

Another fantastic week in literacy for reception. They have been exploring the life cycle of a moth, labelling key parts and helping to write fact cards using spider grams to support their information. Children have become experts and are enjoying their literacy text, 'The Woolly Bear Caterpillar'. We are waiting patiently for our caterpillars to spin into their cocoons.

### Maths

In maths children have been exploring rekenreks this week, using them to show amounts and enhance their subitising skills. Rekenreks are a hands-on calculating frame that allows children to develop number sense. Children have worked really well in pairs, taking it in turns to push the beads along and show the given quantity.

### Other

We have finished our games unit in PE. Children have demonstrated fantastic team work and a real competitive side as we have enjoyed games with a transport theme linked to them.

Children have enjoyed exploring relationships within our Jigsaw lessons and have been talking about 'what makes a good friend.' Children discussed what unkind words were and how they made people feel and have then reflected on what makes a good friend.

Children continue to work hard during our Charanga music lessons, learning new songs each week and using instruments to find the beat in music.

### Reminders

School closes Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 and reopens **Tuesday** 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026.

Please remember **snack is £1 a week**. This can be paid weekly or termly. Speak to a member of the reception team if you have any questions.

As the weather is warming up, please ensure your child has a sun hat, sun cream applied and spare clothes due to water play.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Mrs Halsall  
Miss Chiocchi