



Autumn 1 term 2026

A Message from the SEND resource provisions

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your break and are excited to start the new year together!!

Mrs Ripley and Miss Hushwaite.

This half term, our topic is “**Crunch, Crunch, Squelch, Squelch**”.

Our key texts are:

We're Going on a Bear Hunt
Michael Rosen, Helen Oxenbury



We're going on a bear hunt



The squirrels who squabbled



It was a cold dark night.

Children will take part in activities to help develop:

Communication skills - Developing listening and attention through songs, nursery rhymes, sensory stories and 'Attention Autism' activities. Your child will be supported to respond to their name, use actions and sounds to communicate, begin to build their vocabulary and explore different ways to express their wants and needs. We will be using Makaton signs to support understanding and communication.

Literacy and Phonics - Through our stories and songs, we will begin to recognise characters and join in with repeated phrases, explore early phonics sounds (s, a, t, p, i, n), make marks and drawings to represent words and practise writing our names with clear letter-like shapes.

Mathematics - We will enjoy number songs and hands-on activities to count and sort objects, compare amounts and explore shapes and patterns.

Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) - Feeling safe, happy, and confident is at the heart of everything we do. We will get to know each other and build strong relationships with adults and friends, talk about who is special to us and why we are special too, explore feelings and emotions through stories, pictures, and play and support each child in managing change and transitions throughout the day.

We are excited for a term full of learning, fun and discovery! Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to share anything about your child.

Uniform (Winter): White polo shirt with black or dark grey skirt / trousers Navy blue sweatshirt / cardigan with the school logo.

Uniform (Summer): White polo shirt with black or dark grey shorts Navy blue sweatshirt / cardigan with the school logo. Navy blue and white checked summer dress. Religious head dress should be plain navy, black or white. **Footwear:** All children should wear sensible black school shoes or plain black trainers or plimsolls with plain socks or tights (White, navy).

Next week, we are hosting a "Meet the teacher" session. This is a chance for you to meet us and find out about what your child will be learning in the upcoming year. It will also give you the opportunity to ask any questions you might have. The meeting for Packham and Wiltshire classes will be held together in the infant school hall on Wednesday 9th September at 9am. We look forward to meeting you all.



P.E

Our P.E lessons will be on Wednesdays. PE kit for all

- Plain navy shorts and a white t-shirt, black plimsolls or trainers.

Please note – on PE days children are to come to school in their PE kit.

