



Reception

Base 1



Autumn Term 2026

Dear Children and Parents/Carers,

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer, filled with sunshine, laughter, and special moments with loved ones. I'm very excited to welcome all the children into Base 1 and begin what I know will be a fun, nurturing, and inspiring new school year at Wrenbury. I can't wait to get started!

Our Autumn Term Learning

We'll begin the term by supporting the children as they settle into Reception, build new friendships, and explore their emotions safely through the lens of our core stories. Through our *myHappymind* units (Meet Your Brain, Celebrate, and Appreciate), the children will learn to talk about feelings, share opinions, and practice turn-taking and teamwork. We will dive into rich, imaginative storytelling with a fantastic lineup of books, including *Funnybones*, *The Scarecrow's Wedding*, *The Enormous Turnip* and *Walter the Baker* to name a few! These texts will launch our love of Literacy in Drawing Club, where children will learn "extraordinary words," build their "pencil magic" using Little Wandle rhymes, and explore how their marks have meaning.

We will also explore the past and the natural world by looking at how we have grown since being babies and watching the seasons change from autumn to winter. We will enjoy cooking porridge and soup to see how heat changes materials, and we'll learn about helpful community members like doctors and nurses who keep our bodies healthy. The children will discover beautiful traditions like Christmas, Diwali, and Hanukkah - exploring the symbol of light and sharing their own special family customs, foods, and outfits. Finally, we will let our creativity shine by using mirrors to draw "healthy" faces, crafting glowing lanterns, and performing festive dances and rhythms together!

This first term will be full of exciting learning opportunities, new friendships, and wonderful experiences as we build the foundation for the children's learning journey ahead.

Base 1 Weekly Timetable

All children will have daily lessons in Little Wandle Phonics, Maths, Literacy, and Dough Gym to develop their fine motor skills. Our afternoons will be dedicated to our Learning Journey, covering subjects such as *Understanding the World* and *Expressive Arts and Design*. These are supported by the three prime areas of the EYFS curriculum: Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, and Physical Development.

Learning is active and playful in Base 1. Each lesson gives children the opportunity to explore, think critically, and extend their understanding through continuous provision both indoors and outdoors. Every activity is carefully planned to challenge and inspire.

We'll also be continuing our 'myhappymind' programme every week to support children's mental health and emotional wellbeing.

On Thursdays, children will have PE with Little Sports Coaching. Please ensure they come to school dressed in their PE kit and trainers on this day.

Below is our current weekly timetable. Please note: lesson times may occasionally shift to allow for assemblies or special events.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00 - 9:30	Little Wandle Phonics	Little Wandle Phonics	Little Wandle Phonics	Little Wandle Phonics	Little Wandle Phonics
9: 30- 9:45	Literacy Input (Fine motor/Drawing Club)	Literacy Input (Fine motor/Drawing Club)	Literacy Input (Fine motor/Drawing Club)	Literacy Input (Fine motor/Drawing Club)	Helicopter Stories
9:45 – 10:30	Continuous Provision				
10:30-10:45	BREAK				
10:45- 11:00	Maths Input (Mastering Number)	Maths Input (Mastering Number)	Maths Input (Mastering Number)	Maths Input (Mastering Number)	Maths Input (Mastering Number)
11:00 – 11:40	Continuous Provision				
11:40 – 11:55	Top 5 Story	Concept Cat	Top 5 Story	Squiggle me a Writer	Top 5 Story
11:55 – 12:55	LUNCH				
1:00 - 1:10	Register/ Dough Gym	Register/ Dough Gym	Register/ Dough Gym	PE LSC	Register/ Dough Gym
1:10 – 1:30	Squiggle me a Writer				Squiggle me a Writer
1:30 - 1:40	Learning Journey Input	Learning Journey Input	Learning Journey Input		Welly time
1:40 – 2:35	Continuous Provision				myhappymind (2:15pm-2:45pm)
2:35 - 2:45	Top 5 Story/ Interventions	Top 5 Story/ Interventions	Top 5 Story/ Interventions		Top 5 Story/ Interventions
2:45 - 3:00	BREAK				
3:00 - 3:25	Assembly	Assembly	Mystery Reader	Assembly	Assembly
3:25	Getting Ready for Home	Getting Ready for Home	Getting Ready for Home	Getting Ready for Home	Getting Ready for Home
3:30	Home time	Home time	Home time	Home time	Home time

Reading in Base 1

Reading is a huge focus at Wrenbury and plays a central role in our classroom. We are passionate about fostering a love of reading, and our reading area is always open for children to enjoy a quiet moment with a book, either on their own or with a friend.

We encourage you to read with your child every night and record this in their reading diary. Reading books will be sent home on Fridays and should be returned by Thursday the following week.

Each child will bring home:

- A 'Learn to Read' book – read during guided reading at school.
- A phonics-linked book – matched to your child's phonics level.
- A 'Love to Read' book – chosen by your child. These may be beyond their reading level and are designed to be shared and enjoyed together.
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To encourage regular reading, children can earn special badges:

-  Bronze – 50 reads
-  Silver – 100 reads
-  Gold – 150 reads
-  Platinum - 200 reads
- If you achieve 250+ reads then something special will be heading your way!

Mystery Reader

We're excited to celebrate our love of books and would like to invite family members to join Base 1 as Mystery Readers! A Mystery Reader comes into our class to share one of their favourite stories with the children - but it's a secret until you arrive! If you'd like to take part, please book a time through the school office. We welcome Mystery Readers at 3:00pm every Wednesday, and we can't wait to see who will be surprising us next!

Learning Journey & Home Learning

Children are continuously observed by the EYFS team to help us understand their development, interests, and learning style. These observations help us plan exciting next steps tailored to each child and are recorded in their Learning Journey, a personal record of progress throughout the year.

We'll also be offering optional home learning tasks, designed to build on class learning and strengthen the home-school connection. We'll be using Seesaw, an online platform where you can upload photos or notes about your child's achievements and learning at home. It's a lovely way for us to celebrate what children are doing beyond the classroom!

Snacks & Drinks

We promote healthy eating and ask that children bring a healthy snack to school - no sweets or chocolate, please. If these are brought in, they will be returned to the child's bag and a piece of fruit will be offered instead.

Children should also bring a water bottle filled with plain water each day. Water is better for concentration, hydration, and dental health, and helps avoid sticky spills that attract insects.

EYFS Charity

This year, our class charity will be Nantwich Foodbank. The children will learn about the important work they do to support local families and individuals who may be struggling to afford food and everyday essentials. Throughout the year, we will be looking for opportunities to support the foodbank through donations and fundraising activities, helping the children to understand the importance of kindness, sharing and caring for others in our local community.



Parent Partnership

Website - please view our website: www.wrenburyschool.org.uk, or 'like' us on Facebook to capture a snapshot of our learning in Little Wrens each week.

Emails / texts/Arbor – dates and school communications will be sent via these communication channels.

Seesaw – this will be used to share snapshots of our learning.

Key Dates for Base 1 Parents/Children

4th September – Tuckshop starts (every Friday after school; bring 50p)

10th September – Phonics meeting at 4:45pm

7th October – Flu Nasal Spray (LW – Y6)

21st October – Harvest assembly

21st October – Settling parents evening

22nd October – Settling parents evening

23rd October – Base 1 theme day

2nd November – INSET Day – Return to school on Tuesday 3rd November

16th November - Photographs

4th December – Base 1 oracy assembly

9th December – Nativity at 1:30pm

10th December – Nativity at 5:30pm

11th December – Christmas fair from 5pm

15th December – EYFS/KS1 Christmas theatre trip

18th December – End of Autumn term

And Finally...

Please know that I'm here for your child and for you. Like you, I want the very best for every child in Base 1. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or just want a quick chat, my door is always open. I'll be at the 'Meet and Greet' gate in the mornings and after school, or feel free to contact the school office to arrange a time to meet.

Thank you for your continued support. I can't wait for the fantastic year ahead!

Your teacher,

Mrs Evans