9th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome to Foundation! We have had a super start to the term and are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead. It has been wonderful to spend time with you and your child, and we thank you for your support.

We are especially grateful for your encouragement in helping your child come into school independently. It has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes. Over the coming weeks, we will continue supporting them as they grow in confidence and independence, becoming increasingly familiar with their learning environments and daily routines.

Just a reminder that our school day now runs from 8:45am to 3:15pm.

Baseline Assessment

Over the coming weeks, we will be carrying out the statutory Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA), which is a national requirement for all Reception children.

For further information, please visit:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reception-baseline-assessment-information-for-parents

PE Days

Physical development is one of the prime areas of learning in the EYFS, and the children take part in a range of physical activities throughout each day.

On PE days, please ensure your child comes to school wearing:

- Trainers
- Jogging bottoms or leggings
- Their PE T-shirt
- Their usual red school jumper, cardigan or hoodie

The children will take part in both indoor and outdoor PE sessions each week.

PE days are as follows:

Gunwalloe Class: Tuesday and Wednesday
Rinsey Class: Monday and Tuesday

On PE days, children should wear a T-shirt in their House Team colour:

- **Davy –** Red
- **Kingsley –** Green
- **Trengrouse –** Blue
- **Trevithick –** Yellow

Home Learning

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to two information sessions during the autumn term.

On Tuesday 6th October, we will be hosting an Early Mathematics Information Session, where we will share our approaches to teaching early maths and provide practical guidance on how you can support your child's learning at home.
As part of their learning journey, your child will be taught to read using the Read Write Inc. Phonics programme. To help you understand how phonics is taught in school, we will also be holding a Phonics Information Session on Thursday 15th October. During this session, we will share our teaching approaches, introduce key resources, and offer practical suggestions for supporting your child's reading development at home.

Further details regarding both sessions will be shared closer to the dates.

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Clothing in School, Wellies and Waterproofs

Please ensure that your child has multiple changes of clothes, including spare underwear, in a bag that can be kept on their peg in school. Accidents and messy play are a normal part of learning in Foundation, so having several spare items available helps us to keep children comfortable throughout the day.

We spend a significant amount of time learning outdoors, including dedicated sessions in our woodland area and garden, as well as using outdoor equipment such as bikes and trikes. In addition, our balcony is regularly open throughout the week.
It is important that children have appropriate waterproof clothing in school so they are prepared for all weather conditions and can fully participate in outdoor learning and play. Waterproof trousers or a puddle suit, a waterproof jacket and a pair of wellies should be kept in school at all times. Dedicated storage trolleys are available in each classroom.

Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Healthy Snacks and Hydration

We provide the children with a choice of fruit each day, and free milk is available for all four-year-olds.

Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle to school each day, already filled with water. If you would like to provide an additional afternoon snack, we ask that this is fruit or another healthy option.

We encourage all children to make healthy food choices. Please remember that we are a nut-free school, and any grapes sent into school must be cut lengthways.

Thank you for your support.

Birthday Treats

We love celebrating our children's birthdays and helping them feel special on their big day. However, we kindly ask that families do not send in sweets, cakes or other edible treats to share with the class.

This helps us ensure that celebrations are inclusive for all children, including those with allergies, intolerances or specific dietary requirements. It also supports our work in EYFS in promoting healthy eating habits and caring for our teeth, while respecting the wishes of families who prefer their children not to receive sweets at school.

Thank you for your understanding and support. Our decision comes from a genuine desire to ensure that celebrations are safe, inclusive and enjoyable for every child.

Sharing Information

Each half term, we will send home a Learning Leaflet outlining what the children will be learning in school. We aim to build on the children's interests and fascinations while introducing new learning experiences through our planned curriculum.

Please also look out for the weekly school newsletter, The Pen, which contains important information, updates and highlights from our EYFS learning and activities.

Library

Both classes will visit the school library each week. The children will have the opportunity to choose a library book to enjoy and share with you at home. Please return your child's library book the following week so that they can choose a new one.

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Library days

Gunwalloe: Thursday
Rinsey: Tuesday

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us at the end of the school day or contact us via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.

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