AUTUMN TERM 2026

Important Dates for families- 1st half term

DATE	EVENT
1st and 2nd September	**INSET days – Nursery closed for staff training.**
3rd September **Home Visits for <u>new children</u>.**	**Home visits for children new to Norcot.** Opportunity for families to talk to their child's key worker about their child in their own home and ask any questions you may have.
Monday 14h September **10.00 am**	**Welcome presentation** Please come and meet Headteacher Katarina. THIS EVENT IS FOR ADULTS ONLY (younger siblings welcome).
Tuesday 29th September between 12 – 3. Please book a time with Admin: admin@norcot.reading.sch.uk.	**Help, I am a parent!** Book a meeting to learn about how to support your child with clear boundaries and consistency with behaviour.
Monday 5th October **Please book a time directly with Kathryn ksykes@norcot.reading.sch.uk.**	**SEND** Do you have a concern about your child's development? Come for a chat with a cup of tea/ coffee and meet our Inclusion Lead (SENDCO) Kathryn who will be there to provide any advice and support.
Monday 12th October	**Farms 2 Ewe** The children will have a first-hand exciting experience with farm animals. THIS EVENT IS CHILDREN ONLY.
12th -16th October	**Harvest donation** We would appreciate donation of any unperishable items such as tins and packets. Please place them in the box outside of the main office. We understand that not everyone is able to contribute so this is entirely voluntary. Donations will be taken to food bank.
Week beginning 5th October	**PEP (Personalised Education Plan) review meeting with families** Families are invited to meet with their child's key worker to review and set their targets.
Week beginning 5th October	**Meetings with Families of all children who started in September 2026** Families are invited to meet with their child's key worker to discuss how their child has settled in and discuss their progress and support. LOOK OUT FOR A SIGNING IN SHEET ON THE CLASSROOM DOOR TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT.
Monday 19th October – Rainbow and Sunflower **Tuesday 20th - Star** **Wednesday 21st Oct– Butterfly**	**Autumn Celebration** Families are invited to come and join us for an Autumn celebration.
26th October to 30th October	**HALF TERM** A place for a holidays club MUST be booked in advance.

Reading for love and enjoyment

Families are invited into nursery to read stories to the children throughout the term. We also encourage you to read stories in the language that you speak at home. We will provide many lovely children's books to choose from but please do bring in favourites from home if you wish. Please let your child's key worker know when you are able to come in

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Important Dates for families - 2nd half term

DATE	FOCUS
November **Please book directly with Helen: hwalsh@norcot.reading.sch.uk.**	**School Application Process** Are you unsure about the school application process for primary school? Come and ask us any questions. It is important to remember that late applications won't be considered until after the first round of allocations and you may not get your preferred school.
Wednesday 4th November	**Norcot Bonfire – Children only event.** Children will be having a bonfire with hot chocolate and some roasted vegetables!
Monday 9th November	**Diwali dance session** Children will take part in a session run by Kala the Arts, a south Asian dance experience.
9th Nov– Rainbow **11th Nov – Butterfly** **12th Nov – Star** **12th - Sunflower**	**Stay and Play sessions.** Families are invited to stay and play with their child from 10.30–11.00/2.15–2.45. Let your child guide you around the learning environment and explore together! Babies in arms are welcome, however we are unable to accommodate other siblings at these events.
Tuesday 10th Nov	**Emma's ART TBC** Children will have the opportunity to experiment and share creative ideas and work together on an art project. THIS EVENT IS FOR CHILDREN ONLY.
Wednesday 11th November	**Remembrance Day** Children are invited to wear something red on this day and will be holding a 1-minute reflection.
Thursday 13th November **Please book a time directly with Kathryn: ksykes@norcot.reading.sch.uk.**	**SEND 'Little People Big Feelings'** Families are invited to tea/coffee and a chat with Zoe (Inclusion Base Team Leader) who will be there to provide advice and support about parental strategies using positive parenting and emotional coaching methods to support your child's behaviour.
Friday 20th Nov	**Children in Need** Children are invited to wear their pyjamas today and make a donation to the charity.
Between 16th – 27th Nov	**Train and Bus trip.** As part of our Transport topic we would like to go on a train trip and a bus trip. Please look out for more information nearer the time as we will need some volunteers to come with us.
Monday 30th November **12 – 3pm. Please book a time with Admin: admin@norcot.reading.sch.uk.**	**Help, I am a parent!** Book a meeting to learn about how to support your child with toilet training.
Week beginning 16th Nov	**Progress Meetings –** parents of children who **did not** start in September 2026 to have a progress meeting with their child's Key Worker. Please sign up at the classroom door for an appointment time.
Monday 23rd November **Please book a time directly with Kathryn: ksykes@norcot.reading.sch.uk**	**Supporting behaviour and self-regulation** Do you have a concern about your child's behaviour and self-regulation? Come for a chat with a cup of tea/ coffee and meet our Inclusion Lead (SENDCO) Kathryn who will be there to provide advice and support.
Monday 7th December **Rainbow and Sunflower**	**Visit to Saint Mary Magdalen Church** Children will walk to the church and have a tour. Please let your child's key worker know if you are able to join us as we need a higher ratio off site.
Week beginning 7th December	**Hanukkah (4th – 12th Dec)** We welcome families that celebrate Hanukkah to come in and talk to the children about how they celebrate this special festival or cook traditional food.
Tuesday 8th Dec Star room **Weds 9th Dec Rainbow** **Thurs 10th Dec Sunflower** **Friday 11th Dec Butterfly room**	**Trip to post box** Children will be walking to the post box to post their Christmas card. If family members could come and join us, that would be much appreciated. Please let your child's key worker know.
Thursday 10th Dec	**Save the Children Day** Children and staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper.
Monday 14th Dec- Rainbow & Sunflower **Thursday 17th Dec – Butterfly** **Thurs 17th Dec – Star**	**Christmas Celebration** Families are invited to come and join us for Christmas celebration.
Wednesday 16th December	**Christmas party** Children are welcome to come in dressed in party clothes. Your child will bring home a paper plate, please provide the food for their party. Children visited by Santa and receive a small gift.
Friday 18th December	**End of term-** Children finish at their usual time.