



# Highcliffe St. Mark Primary School & Fledglings Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Learning to read is one of the most important and rewarding parts of your child's journey through school. It opens the door to learning across all areas of the curriculum and supports children to grow in confidence, independence, and imagination.

We are writing to invite you to a small group reading support workshop for parents whose children would benefit from some additional support to reach the expected Early Learning Goal (ELG) in reading by the end of Reception. This is a targeted session, and therefore not all families have been invited on this occasion.

Learning to read can be challenging, particularly when children are developing their phonics knowledge and learning to blend sounds together. Blending is a key skill that takes time, practice, and encouragement, and we know that supporting this at home can sometimes feel difficult.

This workshop is designed to help you feel confident in supporting your child at home. During the session, Reception teachers will model key strategies and share practical ideas tailored to your child's current stage in reading. We will also discuss ways to support a successful transition into Year 1.

During the session, we will:

- Demonstrate how phonics and blending are taught in school
- Share simple and effective reading strategies to use at home
- Offer guidance on building your child's confidence and enjoyment in reading
- Answer any questions you may have

The session will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 1.50pm in one of the Foundation classrooms. The Foundation Celebration Assembly will follow shortly afterwards.

Please come to the Greenways Gate a few minutes before the session begins to sign in.

We hope you will be able to join us so we can work together to support your child's reading development.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards,

**The Reception Team**



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