



# Key Instant Recall Facts

## Reception – Autumn 1

### Key Vocabulary

Monday Friday  
Tuesday Saturday  
Wednesday Sunday  
Thursday today  
tomorrow yesterday

## I aspire to say the days of the week.

It is expected that children in Reception will be able to say and order the days of the week. They should be familiar with the vocabulary of today, tomorrow and yesterday, identifying which day will come before and after the current day.



### You could try some of these ideas...

**Create a paper chain** – cut out strips of paper, write a day of the week on each one, and link them together in the correct order. It is a lovely, colourful and visual aid that can be hung in your child's bedroom.

**Create a visual timetable** – On a separate piece of paper for each day, stick photos or pictures (you could draw them) of activities that you do. E.g. if you do a supermarket shop on a Thursday, stick on a picture of the supermarket, or a shopping trolley.

**Look at a calendar** – Ask your child to point at days such as Christmas and to point out their birthdays. Ask what day their birthdays are on this year and point to the days row at the top of each month. Ask "What day it is today?"

**Play "Put the days in order"** - Write the days of the week on rectangular cards. If each day could be written on a different colour, this will support children to quickly identify each day. Ask your child to touch each card and repeat after you as you chorus the days of the week paying special attention to the first sound of each word (e.g. "F" for "Friday" and "Th" for "Thursday"). Run through a few times, getting faster. Finally, mix up the cards and see how quickly they can put them in order.

**Play "Wall Touch"** – Stick up vocabulary cards on the wall. Shout out different days of the week and the child runs to that card to touch it. You can incorporate the language of yesterday and tomorrow, or say things like "Run to the card that is the day after Tuesday," or "Run to the card that is the day before Monday".

**Choose a book** with a days of the week theme...

### Adams Family Days of the Week Song

Days of the week (snap, snap),  
days of the week (snap, snap),  
days of the week,  
days of the week,  
days of the week (snap, snap).  
There's Sunday and there's Monday,  
there's Tuesday and there's Wednesday,  
there's Thursday and there's Friday  
and Saturday makes a week!  
Days of the week (snap, snap),  
days of the week,  
days of the week,  
days of the week (snap, snap).



The Very Hungry Caterpillar,  
by Eric Carle