



*Happy Eid al-Fitr to some of our families celebrating the end of Ramadan this weekend.*

### Reception News

Welcome back to the summer term of Reception! This half term we will be working on the topic of 'Far, far away' where we will share some of our favourite traditional and popular tales.

This week we have been learning all about 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and have had our own hungry caterpillars arrive in class to take care of! The children have loved investigating the lifecycle of butterflies and can't wait to see our caterpillars grow. This week we have had fun being hungry caterpillars ourselves and trying some different fruits just like in the story.

### Challenges!

**Reading & Phonics** : Please read with your child 5x per week and record this in their reading record to enable them to be entered into a raffle to win new books for their classroom. Please remember to access BUGCLUB to develop phonics and reading skills. This can also be recorded in your child's reading record.

**Bedtime story**: Each Friday a member of the EYFS team will upload a bedtime story on Tapestry. Grab a blanket and a teddy and enjoy the story. This story time can also be recorded as a 'read' in your child's reading record.

**Homework folders**: Each week your child will come home with a homework folder with some worksheets to complete based on different themes and subjects. Please hand these in by Thursday each week for us to add to.

### Weekly Routines

**PE (Thursday)** Please make sure your child has a **labelled PE kit** in school which can be kept on their peg and please remove all jewellery.

**Reading books**—reading books will be changed weekly.

**Library books**—Library books will be changed every Friday. Please make sure your child returns their book each week in order to choose a new one .

**Water bottles**—Please make sure your child has a named water bottle with them in school every day as it is thirsty work in Reception!



### Reception Certificates

*Congratulations to all our certificate winners this week!*

**Super star writers:** Cesar, Elliot, Aiden

**Super star readers:** Charlie, Uthman, Lewis

**Celebrating school values:** Logan, Max, Emily

**The class with the most reads this week is....RSTKR!!**



## Nursery News

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to the Summer term. It was lovely to see all of the children come back to Nursery ready to learn and with exciting stories to share from their holidays. Thank you also to everyone who posted photos on to Tapestry.

This week we had some special visitors arrive; our little caterpillars who will be sleeping in our classroom ready to turn into butterflies in the coming weeks. The children have been listening to the story of The Hungry Caterpillar and taking part in activities linked with the story, as well as practicing their name writing and number formation/recognition.

We also celebrated Earth Day alongside the rest of the school.

### Weekly tasks

Reading: Please continue to look at your child's book with them and record any conversations that you have together in their reading diary. This interaction will encourage and support your child with their communication. Books (and diaries) need to be returned every Friday in exchange for a new one.

Bedtime story: Each Friday a member of the EYFS team will upload a bedtime story on Tapestry. Grab a blanket and a teddy and enjoy the story.

### Reminders and unpredictable weather

As the weather has turned colder, could we please ask that the children come fully dressed with coats, hats, scarves and boots where necessary (with school shoes in their bag ready to change in to). Water bottles are also required and we ask that they are filled with water only and are clearly named.

### Certificates

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Wilson - for writing his name clearly and accurately

Piperlily - for following instructions, being kind to her friends and making the right choice

## NHS Speech drop in

Parents with nursery aged children are able to access speech, interaction and communication therapy through NHS drop in sessions at Great Oaks.

If you feel your child would benefit from additional speech support please contact [Drop-in@nelft.co.uk](mailto:Drop-in@nelft.co.uk) for an appointment.

## Communication for Early Years

Please make sure that you have signed up to all of the above to keep up to date with the latest school news.



## Upcoming Dates

St George's Day—23rd April (24th special school menu)  
May bank holidays— 1st May & 8th May  
Reception parent activity afternoon—Wednesday 3rd May (details to follow)  
Coronation celebrations—Friday 5th May (details to follow)  
King's coronation—Saturday 6th May  
INSET days—25th & 26th May  
May half term—29th May—2nd June

### Earth day

Thank you to everyone who took part in Earth day today by dressing up, donating and taking part in environmental activities

We have been learning lots about taking care of our planet and our local environment. We have talked about putting litter in the bin, turning off lights to save electricity, turning off taps to save water and reducing, reusing and recycling.

Please remember to give in your poster competition entries this week.



### Reporting Absence for Early Years

Please report child absences by using the Willows PA Connect app .

The school must be informed EVERY school day that the child is absent.

Please ensure that you have reported your child's absence by 9.00am.

### St Georges day meal

Please check out PA Connect for our special St George's Day menu for Monday 24th April.

The children will also be taking part in activities to learn about the patron saint of England on Monday.



### Reception parent activity afternoon

Please keep the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd May free in your diaries for our activity afternoon. We hoping to get into the coronation spirit with you all by making some fun arts and crafts ready for the celebrations later in the week.

More details to follow soon—please make sure you are signed up to PAMConnect and ClassCharts for more updates.



### The King's coronation

In recognition of the King's coronation we will be holding some celebrations in school for the children to take part in on Friday 5th May.

Look out for more information coming soon.

