



## Reception News

This week in reception we have been reading the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have been writing about our favourite part of the story and we did an amazing investigation to see what would happen to the gingerbread man if he fell into different liquids. We learnt some science words like 'prediction' and 'result'. We played some fun gingerbread casing games in PE and completed themed maths linked to more, less, odd, even, doubling and sharing.

Next week we will be learning all about King Charles and the coronation. We would like to invite you in on the afternoon of Wednesday 3rd May to take part in some coronation crafts. (separate letter sent via PA Connect)

## 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:** Isaac, Patrick, Cassidy

**Super star readers:** Harrison, Aiden, Harrison

**Celebrating school values:** Abisola, Mia, Ollie-George

**The class with the most reads this weeks is....RKP!**



## Nursery News

This week the children have continued to learn all about Summer as well as watch the changes that have been taking place with our caterpillars. They have been growing every day and soon will be getting ready to have a long sleep before waking up as beautiful butterflies! As part of our Summer topic the children have been making tree and sunshine pictures using different materials as well as practicing their number and handwriting skills. We also celebrated St George's Day by making special flags and watching a special film about how other children celebrate this special day.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

### 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

*Congratulations to all our certificate winners this week!*

Jakub- 'for being more confident when speaking to his friends and familiar adults'

Omarih- 'for being kind to his friends when playing, listening to instructions and following the class rules'

## 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

May bank holidays— Monday 1st May (school closed)  
Reception parent activity afternoon—Wednesday 3rd May  
Coronation celebrations—Friday 5th May  
Nursery parent craft session—Friday 5th May  
Kings coronation—Saturday 6th May  
Coronation bank holiday –Monday 8th May (school closed)  
INSET days—25th & 26th May (school closed)  
May half term—29th May—2nd June (school closed)  
Return to school—5th June  
Race for life—Friday 9th June  
Reception/KS1/KS2 Sports day—Friday 23rd June  
Nursery sports day—Friday 7th July  
Class swap day/ meet new teacher—Monday 10th July  
Summer open evening –Monday 10th July  
Last day—Friday 21st July

### Reception parent activity afternoon

**Wednesday 3d May**

**2pm—3pm**

We would love to see you all at our reception craft afternoon to take part in some fun activities relating to the Kings Coronation.

There will also be time for your child to show you around their classroom and have a look at their books.

Please try to leave younger siblings at home where possible due to limited space in the classrooms.

We look forward to seeing you!

### Nursery craft sessions

**Friday 5th May**

**Morning children—10.30-11.30am**

**Afternoon children—2.00-3.00pm**

We would like to invite parents to attend an hour long craft session on 5th May where you will have the opportunity to make decorations and crafts for the Kings coronation with your child.

Please bring your child to school for their normal session time and then return for the parent session applicable to you.

Please also try to leave younger siblings at home where possible due to limited space in the classroom.

We look forward to seeing you!

### Coronation celebrations—Friday 5th May

On Friday 5th May we would like to invite your children to wear red, white or blue to school to take part in the coronation theme. (no donation is required for this)

Reception children will be taking part in a street party picnic at lunchtime and there is a special menu available on this day.

Nursery children will be having a special sweet treat too during their sessions.

### 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.