



## Reception News

This week in Reception has been super busy and it has been full of celebrations! Firstly we took part in 'Odd Socks Day' where we learnt about being a good friend with kind hands, kind feet and kind mouths to kick off kindness day and anti-bullying week. We discussed how we can look after each other and who we can talk to if we have any worries. We also took part in some amazing crafts and celebrations when learning all about Diwali. We loved hearing about the festival of light and sharing the story of Rama and Sita.

Finally thank you to everyone who took part and donated to 'Children in Need' today.

Next week we will be exploring the story of 'Owl Babies' in our literacy lessons. During maths we will be using our subitising skills to order quantities of objects.

## Challenges!

**Reading:** Please read at home each night and record this in your child's reading record. Your child's reading book will be changed weekly. You can record any story that you read or share together at home.

**Bedtime story:** Please log on to Tapestry this eve and every Friday for a bedtime story read by one of our team for you and your child to enjoy together. This can be recorded as a 'read' in your child's reading record.

**Phonics:** Below is the Bug Club link to the sounds and actions we will be learning this term

<https://mediaplayer.pearsoncmg.com/assets/bcpafsp2>

**Phonics video:** Each week we will send home a phonics video for your child to watch and join in with at home recorded by our Phase leader Mrs Templar.

**Tapestry:** Don't forget to add your adventures to tapestry—the children love sharing their photos on the big board and this really helps to support their speaking and listening skills.

## Weekly Routines

**PE** will be outside on a Monday afternoon while the weather is dry. Please make sure all jewellery is removed.

**Reading books**—reading books will be changed weekly. Other books can be recorded in your child's reading record.

**Library books**—Our library circle time takes place each 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.

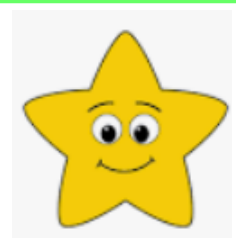


## Certificate winners

School value: Millie B, Mila, Jayla

Superstar reader: Nancy, Kairie, Arthur

Superstar writer: Darcey, Maisie, Nura



## Reading winners

**The winning class this week are RTR for 92 reads!**

Well done for collectively achieving the most reads at home this week. Your class will be caring for our special reading bear this week as a reward :-)

## Nursery news

Nursery has been celebrating World National Nursery Rhyme Week where the children have been learning lots of rhymes that help with their communication and confidence skills. As well as having photos taken in front of our topic wall, the children have been creating pictures and paintings as well as interacting with their friends whilst enjoying messy play, number games and handwriting practice!

Nursery also got to wear their odd socks for Anti-Bullying Week and World Kindness Day!

Also thank you to everyone who took part and donated to 'Child in Need' today.

### Tapestry & Class Charts

Thank you to everyone who has already uploaded photos of their child and their news. It really is appreciated and helps with communication during carpet time. Please keep them coming! If you have yet to access either Tapestry and/or ClassCharts, then please let one of the Nursery Team know.

### Bottles/Welly boots

Please ensure that your child has a named drinks bottle that it is filled with water before coming to Nursery, plus a pair of named spare welly boots.

**Have a lovely weekend!**

## Dates for the diary

Reception reading café—2.30-3pm Tuesday 5th December

Reception Christmas craft afternoon—2pm-3pm Tuesday 12th December

Reception Christmas Carols—2pm-3pm Thursday 14th December

Last day of term—Wednesday 20th December

### NHS Speech drop in

If your child is under 5 years old and you have any concerns about your child's speech, language, communication or interaction skills please contact NELFT at Great Oaks for an appointment to support your child on the contact details below.

Email: [drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk](mailto:drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk)

Telephone: 0300 300 1544



### Children's centres

We have a few children's centres local to us who are able to offer a great deal of support to families. They run lots of sessions and groups for different aged children as well as parents. Please check out time website below—there is a timetable of events available on this page.

<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/hubs/northlands-park-family-hub/>



**Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service**

## Reporting absences

**Please make sure to report your child's absences each day that they are off using PA Connect.**

**This should be reported by 8.30am each day.**

## Additional advice and support available for parents

Ace Music Therapy CIC will be delivering interactive virtual Short Breaks sessions. You can sign up on their google form: <https://forms.gle/2A8p5oTpdEG8sZbHA> Please direct enquiries directly to Ace Music Therapy CIC



**Interactive Virtual Music Sessions**

Live, interactive music sessions for children of all ages and abilities to explore and experience the joy of music!

Supports development

Helps with social skills

Reduces stress/anxiety

Boosts confidence

Musical games and songs  
Improvisation  
Sensory stories  
Relaxation and Fun!

Sessions are held on Zoom. Inclusive for all abilities. Instruments welcome but not needed.

Community Musician, Becky

Music Therapist, Cherry

Music Therapist, Amelia

We welcome suggestions of favourite songs or games to incorporate into the sessions!

Fridays (17th November - 15th December 2023)  
3:45pm - 4:45pm

The poster features a central laptop with a list of activities: Musical games and songs, Improvisation, Sensory stories, and Relaxation and Fun! Surrounding the laptop are four blue circles with text: 'Supports development', 'Helps with social skills', 'Reduces stress/anxiety', and 'Boosts confidence'. Below the laptop, there are three small circular photos of people playing instruments. To the left, a text box says 'Sessions are held on Zoom. Inclusive for all abilities. Instruments welcome but not needed.' To the right, another text box says 'We welcome suggestions of favourite songs or games to incorporate into the sessions!'. At the bottom, there are three names: 'Community Musician, Becky', 'Music Therapist, Cherry', and 'Music Therapist, Amelia'. In the center, a box specifies the dates 'Fridays (17th November - 15th December 2023)' and the time '3:45pm - 4:45pm'. The background is light blue with musical notes and a treble clef.

### BOSP TOTS

BOSP run groups for children and parents with additional needs or disabilities age 4 and under.

They currently run sessions at Wat Tyler country park (by the RSPB building) on a Tuesday from 10am-11am.

For more information check out the web address below:

<https://www.bosp.co.uk/community/bosp-brighter-opportunities-for-special-people-13333/news/new-baby-toddler-group-25543>

### SNAP

SNAP is a charity based in Brentwood which offers advice and support for families with children with additional needs or disabilities.

They always have a great range of groups and events for children and siblings are welcome.

More information can be found at the web address

below:

<https://www.snapcharity.org/>

### Health visitor and Family wellbeing team contact details

For support and advice with a range of issues including toileting, sleep, diet and behaviour please contact 0300 247 0013 and ask for Louise Riley or Katy Taylor who are based at Fryerns and Northlands family hub and have links with our school.

### Who can I speak to at school?

As well as your child's class teacher there are other people in Early Years who can support you with concerns about your child.

**Mrs K Rumball**—EYFS SENDCO (support and advice for children with any additional needs or disabilities)

Contact details: [sendmailbox@willows.essex.sch.uk](mailto:sendmailbox@willows.essex.sch.uk)

**Mrs T Clay**—Sensory Nurture lead/ Autism Champion

Contact details: [tracey.clay@willows.essex.sch.uk](mailto:tracey.clay@willows.essex.sch.uk)

**Mrs J Smith**— Family support worker/ Parent liaison/ Senior mental health lead/ Antbullying ambassador

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