



## Reception News

This week in Reception we have been talking about the seasons and in particular Autumn. Our book this week has been 'The Leaf Man', with children making their own leaf men for our Art Gallery and creating Autumnal trees decorated with their leaf names. Classes have had tuff trays of natural Autumnal resources for children to discover and play with as well as use to make their own creations. In maths we have explored capacity and weight through practical activities. Children will be bring home a couple of phonics sheets to support learning at home. You will also be able to order your children's artwork to be made into Christmas cards. Complete the form and [return to the class teacher](#) but don't forget to order and pay online first.

### **Local Offer Roadshow, south Essex**

The next Local Offer Roadshow in south Essex



#### **Date and time**

Tuesday 5 November, 9.30am to 12.30pm

#### **Address**

Hannakins Farm, Community Centre,  
Rosebay Avenue, Billericay, CM12 0SY

Please see the info about the Autumn SEND roadshow where lots of different professionals are all in one room for parents to access support and advice.

### **Good Beginnings Course**

A face to face course for parents and carers of children aged 5 or under, who have autism or social communication needs

#### **How it can help**

This course covers:

- understanding autism
- communication
- play
- sensory processing
- behaviour is communication
- eating, sleeping and toileting
- managing anxiety

#### **Age**

Parents and carers of children under 5. This course is for adults only.

#### **Eligibility**

A diagnosis of autism is not needed to access Good Beginnings

### Certificate winners



**Reading** — Ella B, Adam B, Mollie P  
**Writing** – Archie G A, Parker-ray C, Gracie F  
**Value** - Carter K, Tihomir A, Tommy K



## Nursery news

This week in Nursery we have been extremely busy! We marked world mental health day in Nursery by having a calm day. We listened to calming music and enjoyed some yoga.

We have been reading the story This is me! The children drew fantastic self portraits (look out for these on Tapestry) and spoke about their families and the people who are important to them.

We are very proud of how hard the children have been working to put their welly boots, shoes and coats on independently this week too!

In maths we will continue to explore shapes, looking at them in our environment and using 2d shapes to create pictures, please encourage you child to have a look for shapes around the home and on the walk/drive to school.

Please feel free to add your weekend news and any home learning on Tapestry as the children love to share this with their friends in Nursery.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

## Dates for the diary

1st—31st October – Black History Month

10th October—World Mental Health Day

### 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.