



Reception News

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been all about weddings and the classes have had a lot of fun dressing up as brides and grooms. Different types of ceremonies in different cultures have been explored as well the traditions of a traditional English wedding. Wedding cakes have been decorated in the art areas, by using loose parts and mock ceremonies have taken place, with pretend cutting of the cake and the throwing of paper confetti.

Despite the colder weather, please continue to send in a water bottle each day for your child and ensure that they have a warm winter coat, as they will still be playing outside in colder temperatures. Please name all the items of clothing including gloves, hats and scarves to make it easier to return lost items when they are found.

Any empty small boxes, yoghurt pots, milk bottle lids etc would be greatly received by class teachers for junk modelling!

Have a great weekend!

The Reception team

Please avoid walking through the gates in Reception when the Year 1 teachers are handing over their classes. Instead you may go onto the Key stage 1 playground via the Reception gates closest to the main gate, where no children are being handed over to parents. Thank you

Reporting Absence

Please report child absence 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 **8.30am**.

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 evening 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>

Certificate winners



Reading — Leo M-W, Noah A, Thomas J

Writing — Tihomir A, Luna S, Lilly K-C

Value — Archie G, Rainee W, Zara O

Superstar home reads winners of the week!

Well Done to RT!



Nursery news

This week in Nursery we have been reading the story “Maisie goes to a Wedding”. The children were very good at listing the things we might need for a wedding, a cake was obviously the most important item on the list!

Next week we are looking forward to reading “The Jolly Christmas Postman” and starting off Christmas in Nursery.

Tapestry & Class Charts

Please feel free to add photos of any home learning your child has been doing or any weekend news to Tapestry. The children love to share these updates with their friends.

Coats and water bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a labelled, weather appropriate coat to school with them every day as we love to spend time in the Nursery garden and it is getting very cold. Could children also bring a filled, labelled water bottle each day too.

Have a lovely weekend!

Dates for the diary

30/11/24- St Andrew’s day

4/12/24– Reception reading café 2pm-3pm in class

10/12/24– Reception class Christmas songs and craft afternoon 2pm-3pm

12/12/24– Nursery Christmas craft stay and play session 10am-11am

12/12/24– Christmas jumper day in support of Save the Children Charity

18/12/24– Christmas dinner 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

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

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

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