



## Reception News

Dear parents and carers,

Christmas has begun in Reception and the classes have been busy practising their Christmas songs and looking forward to singing to their adults on December 10th at 2pm in the classroom.

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 items of clothing including gloves, hats and scarves to make it easier to return lost items when they are found.

Any empty small boxes, yogurt 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.

Thankyou

Please report absences 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>

**Phonics video:** Please watch the phonics videos with your child to help them practise their reading and writing at home.

**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.



### Certificate winners

**Reading** — Theo W, Isla-Mae M, Archie G-A

**Writing** — Oscar M, Ruby-Rose E, Harley D

**Value** — Amelia O, Kevin I, Albert S

Well Done to RT!



## Nursery news

This week Christmas has started in Nursery! We have had lots of fun decorating the Christmas trees both in the classroom and in the garden. The children were very excited for the arrival of Dave the Elf and have been busy writing letters and drawing pictures for Dave to take back to Santa each night.

Next week we are looking forward to reading "The Stick Man" and will be making our very own stick people.

### Help!!

The children love to write cards and letters at the moment, but we are quickly running out of resources! If you have any spare cards, envelopes or note books that you do not need at home, Nursery would be very grateful for them. Thank you in advance.

### 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.

## Dates for the diary

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](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.