



Reception News

Dear parents and carers,

The children loved performing to their adults at our Christmas singing and craft session. We are so proud of all of them as they practised so hard and gave their best performance to their adults. This week in Reception we have been learning about the Christmas Nativity story and re-enacting the events in our continuous provision. Our focus book has been 'The Christmas Pine' which has been read by Mrs Finch and can be found on Tapestry to show your children.

Please ensure that the children 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 so we can 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 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.

Weekly Routines

PE will be inside on Thursday afternoons, please send your child to school in their PE kit. Please remove earrings unless they have a flat back. No tape is allowed on earrings without a flat back..

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 as it is thirsty work in Reception!



Certificate winners

Reading — Anete M, Lorelai Morrison, Kyrie,H

Writing – Finley O, Amelia O’Toole, Oliver-David D

Value — Noah A, Theo W, Rafferty F



Nursery news

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Nursery Christmas stay and play session. We are super proud of how well the children sang, they have been practising for the last few weeks and this really showed on the day. The children all had a great time showing their adults around the room and enjoyed sharing the festive activities with you all.

Next week in Nursery, we will be reading the Christmas nativity story and making Christingles. We will be ending the week with a little Christmas party too. (This will be during your child's normal session)

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who answered our plea for any spare stationary , these were very gratefully received and the children are already making good use of them.

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

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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