



Reception News

It's been another busy week in Reception where we have continued learning to understand our feelings with our friends in the 'Colour Monsters' book series, with 'The Colour Monster Goes To School' book.

Children have also been enjoying our creative areas in class in a variety of activities such as creating faces from natural resources and making monsters using play dough. Drawing club this week has been based on the traditional story of 'The Three Little Pigs' and has inspired children to use their imaginations whilst writing within their cusp of confidence in the form of a magic code providing a purpose for writing which has proven to be engaging and fun.

Individual and sibling photos were taken this week and we hope you enjoy your child's first Reception photo.

Congratulations to all our certificate winners this week! Our school celebration certificate this week was around Justice.

Please remember when collecting Reception children at home time please enter and leave the Reception playground via the same gate located near the main gate, even if you are coming or going to the other playgrounds to collect older siblings. Please avoid walking through the gates where the Year 1 teachers are handing over their classes. Thank you.

Challenges!

Reading: Please read at home each night with your child, this can then be recorded 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: Every Friday a recorded bedtime story will be published on Tapestry, 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: Next week, we will be beginning our Phonics learning journey using Bug Club. Each week we will send home a phonics video for your child to watch and join in with at home recorded by one of the EYFS team.

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 Monday afternoons—Please send your child to school in their PE kit every Monday.

Reading books—Reading books will be changed weekly. Reading books and diaries should be bought into school everyday. Other books can be recorded in your child's reading record.

Library books—Our library sessions 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

Our certificates this week are awarded to:

RR— Lailah-May, Arabella, Lily

RC— Zara-Jane, Oscar, Florrie

RP— Kamdi, Florence, Oliver H



Nursery News

It has been another busy week in Nursery , we have made the most of the lovely weather again by spending lots of time outside. The children are really enjoying digging in the sand and of course, painting the walls!

This week we have been reading the story 'Super Duper You' we spoke about things we like to do, such as climbing, painting, dancing and dressing up. The children were very good at thinking of these things and how these things are what help us to be the super duper person that we are.

We have been exploring the change in seasons, with the children able to talk about the changes that they can see on the trees and how the mornings feel a little bit colder. Please continue to collect things with you children for our Autumn table, the children are very much enjoying adding to this each day.

Reminders

Please can you label children's coats, jumpers, cardigans and water bottles. It is very difficult to return these to the correct children if they are not labelled.

Please can all children bring a filled water bottle with them each day and as the weather changes a suitable coat for the garden.

Please add any photos/weekend news to Tapestry, the children love sharing their news with their friends. If you are having any trouble accessing either class charts or Tapestry please let a member of staff know at drop off/pick up.

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend.

The Nursery Team.

Dates for the diary

3rd October– Individual and Sibling Photos

10th October– World Mental Health Day

24th October– Last Day of Term

November 12th and 13th—Autumn Open Evening

November 14th—Children in Need 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

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 9.20am each day.



Develop an understanding of emotional expression and how to manage big emotions in young people.

Dates: 30/10/25 19:00-21:00, 25/11/25 13:00 - 15:00
more dates available online



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/>

Basildon Family Fun Day

11th October 2025

Basildon Library

1-4pm

Free Event

Supporting School readiness through Reading

Essex Library
Oral Health Team NHS
Autism Central
Essex Family Hubs
Home Start
ACL - Adult Community Learning
BOSP - Brighter Opportunities for Special People
SNAP
Active Essex including HAFF
Essex Family Forum
MYOTAS - my own time and space
Daisy First Aid for Families



A Community Project for Families and Children

This exciting project is all about:

- Closing the 'word gap'
- Improving the journey into school
- Encouraging a love of reading and language



We are inviting Parents, carers and grandparents to get involved in their child's learning journey.

Children can enjoy fun, language-rich activities in our specially set-up library space, while adults explore and connect with local services and stallholders.

Lets build brighter futures- together through stories, play and community!

TLC - Talk, Listen Cuddle - Communication and Language, transit into school and lots more support for parents,



Story telling and lots of fun activities for children - sign up for a library card on the day



Information on **training and courses** to support parenting and getting back into the workforce

Support for neurodivergent children and their families



Oral Health - good tooth brushing and dental care

Support parents and caregivers to feel **less isolated**, build confidence in themselves and their parenting.



Lots of great support and information on **toileting, baby groups, SEN drop ins, family support, well-being, transition to school.**

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