



Reception News

This week has been a busy week! We have had lots of different topics to cover this week and the children have completed some amazing activities.

To start the week we had 'Odd Sock Day', we celebrated how everyone is the same but different. We designed our own odd socks, reading 'Simon's Socks' and played matching sock activities.

We took part in lots of Remembrance Day activities in class including poppy painting, CVC word writing and decorating our own poppy pictures.

We then moved on to look at kindness and how we can be kind to each other, we recognised how kind actions can make other feel and how it is important to be kind. We designed our own kindness posters, to join in with a whole school competition. This then tied in with anti-bullying week and how we need to ensure we are respectful and kind to one another.

In maths this week we have been focusing on recognising and representing numbers 4 and 5. We then looked at ordering numbers 0 to 10 and above.

Thank you to everyone who attended open evening this week :)

Challenges!

Reading: Children need to be reading at least 5 times at home. Please record all reading in their reading books. We count reads on a Thursday.

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: 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. Please complete the activities and share your work on Tapestry.

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 brought into school everyday. Other books can be recorded in you 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 .

Certificate Winners

Our certificates this week are awarded to:

RR— Olive, Thomas, Lucas

RC— Benicio, Victoria, Amari

RP— Shylah, Ada, Sadie



Nursery News

It has been a very busy week in Nursery this week! We started the week with odd sock day, the children loved showing off their odd socks, they had great fun designing their own odd socks and matching up pairs of socks too.

The children explored lots of Remembrance Day activities, making their own poppies, painting their hands Red to make a giant class poppy and observing the 2 minutes silence, which the children were fantastic at.

As part of anti bullying week and Kindness day, we spoke about how it is important that we are all kind to each other. The children were very good at coming up with ways we can show we are kind and how that would make others feel. The children made cards to give to each other and drew fantastic pictures of themselves and their friends.

In maths we have continued to explore subitising, the children have been using their super subitising skills to identify when they can see groups of 1,2 and 3 around the classroom and in the garden. Please encourage your child to continue to do this at home or when you are out and about.

It has been great to see so many children reading at home, please remember to log your child's reads in their reading record, these can include the bedtime story on Tapestry and any books on Bug Club too.

Thank you to everyone who attended the open evening, it was lovely to see so many of you.

We hope you all have a great weekend.

The Nursery Team.

Dates for the Diary

18th November– SEND Coffee morning 9:15am to 10:00am

24th November– Last Flu Immunisation Session

3rd December– Festive Fun Disco– 2pm to 3pm

4th December—Reading Session—2:30 to 3pm

9th December – Parent Festive Craft Session

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

17th December – Christmas Dinner Day



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.

If your child has an appointment to attend please add this to the PA Connect app, along with supporting evidence.

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/>

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

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With the September 2026 school application process fast approaching, here are some useful steps to follow when applying;

- Application Period: Applications for primary school places in Essex are open from 10 November 2025 to 15 January 2026.
- Application Method: You can apply online through your local council or use the application form provided by the council.
- Preparation: Ensure you are prepared for the application process, as starting primary school is a significant milestone for your child.
- Check Preferences: Make sure to use all four of your preferences to increase your chances of securing a place at your preferred school.
- Offers: Offers will be sent to online applicants by email on 16 April 2026.

Good luck with your applications, please do not hesitate to ask any questions you may have.

The Willows

The Willows PTA!

🎉 Exciting News 🎉

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new events site your goto hub for all upcoming PTA events!

👉 www.pta-events.co.uk/thewillowspta

🎫 Online Ticket option now available for future events

💷 Prefer to Pay with Cash?

No problem! We'll continue offering tickets at school on specific days and times.

Keep an eye on our emails, posters, and updates so you don't miss out!

Thank you for your continued support and for being part of our amazing school community! 💙

Contact Us

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