



## Reception News

This week we have been focusing on Weddings, Blessings and Celebrations. We have enjoyed looking at family celebration photos. We have had lots of role play weddings this week, which have included some amazing oracy between children. We have spoken about what we could need at a wedding/celebration/blessing. We spoke about the food we may eat, and the different ways other cultures hold celebrations around the world. We had a really lovely time looking at pictures of celebrations from all around the world.

In maths this week we have been looking at shapes with 4 sides, focusing on sides, corners, straight, flat and curved sides. We have been using key questions such as What do you notice about your shapes? What is different?

We have also been looking daily structures and routines. We spoke about what times of the day we do different activities. We spoke about our daily timetable in the classroom and how we can follow a timetable.

Next week we will be starting to look at festive activities, with a story focus of "Santa's Post"

## 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 slot has now changed to a Monday. Please ensure you have your library book in school on a Monday to be changed.

**Water bottles**— Please ensure your child has a water bottle, which has been filled each day.

**Winter Coats and Accessories**— As the weather is getting much cooler now, please ensure your child has a named coat in school each day. Could we please ask that all hats, gloves and scarfs are clearly named to ensure they are returned to the correct children.

## Certificate Winners

### Our certificates this week are awarded to:

RR— Arthur, Ann-Michelle, Vlad

RC— Toby, Edward, Mikail

RP— Daisy. S, Theodore. R, Noah J



## Nursery News

This week at Nursery we have been reading the story "Maisy Goes to a Wedding". We spoke about weddings we have been to and what we might wear to a wedding. We looked at how weddings are celebrated around the world. The children had lots of fun writing wedding invitations and cards, decorating the home corner and dressing up ready for a wedding.

In maths we have continued to explore pattern, the children have been fantastic at looking at parts of their daily routine, such as getting ready for school, brushing their teeth and getting ready for snack. The children were able to identify what we needed to do first and what we would do next.

In phonics we have continued to focus on environmental sounds, thinking about the sounds we hear when we visit different places such as the beach or the zoo and we have been using our robot voices to sound out the names of objects. This week we have explored the book "The Missing Button" as a class, looking at the pictures, talking about what we can see and what might happen next in the story.

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.

## Reminders

Please can reading books and records be returned daily. Library books should be returned on a Thursday and P.E is on Fridays. Please can children come to Nursery in their P.E kits and with earrings removed. Where possible, please can gloves and hats be labelled with your child's name.

We hope you all have a great weekend.

The Nursery Team.

### Dates for the Diary

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

Remember to purchase your tickets from the PTA

4th December—Reception Reading Cafe—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](mailto:drop-in@nelft.nhs.uk)

Telephone: 0300 300 1544

# Reception



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](http://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! ❤️

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