



## Reception News

This week, we have been exploring the story of The Gingerbread Man. We have utilised the skills we learned in previous weeks to create our own Gingerbread Man story maps. In class, we made our own Gingerbread Man puppets and designed our own Gingerbread Men.

On Wednesday, we learned about Earth Day. We discussed recycling, including how and why it is necessary. We talked about the importance of separating different materials into the correct bins.

On Thursday, we learned about St George's Day. We explored the meaning and story of St George. Throughout the day, we made flags, bunting, and dragon designs, and completed some writing related to St George's Day.

We have now said goodbye to the lovely chicks we had in class. The children really enjoyed watching the chicks develop.

## Weekly Challenges!

**Reading:** We are looking for all children to be reading at least 5 times at home. This can be a few pages of their reading book. Please ensure each time your child has read at home, **it is recorded in their reading diary**.

**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 of white T-shirt, joggers, leggings and school jumper or black zipped jacket.

**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.

Summer Clothing— Please ensure children have a hat to wear in school and have had sun cream has been applied before school.

## Certificate Winners

Our certificates this week are awarded to:

RR— Shamar, Elias, Teddy

RC— Maisie, Arthur, Reegan

RP— Bertie, Roxie, Tommy



## Nursery News

This week at Nursery we have been reading the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". The children were very good at noticing the changes that the caterpillar went through and comparing them to our class caterpillars. The children are very excited to see the Nursery caterpillars enter their next phase. The children created wonderful caterpillar pictures using potato printing and beautiful handprint butterflies.

This week we celebrated Earth day. We have been looking at ways we can help the planet, the children came up with some super ideas such as recycling, planting flowers and turning off the lights and taps when we are not using them. The children worked together to create a picture of the Earth.

We have also been learning about St George's Day. We looked at the story of St George and the dragon and spoke about how St George's day is marked. The children made crowns and dragon puppets along with decorating their own coat of arms.

This week's words of the week have been Leaf, Caterpillar, Huge, Tiny and Munching. It has been wonderful to hear so many of the children using these words in their play.

## Reminders

Library day is a Thursday, please can all children bring their library book to school on this day ready to change. Please can reading records and reading books be in bags every day. Please remember to record each time your child reads at home this can include the bedtime story on Tapestry. We aim for children to read 5 times a week at home.

P.E day is a Friday. Please can all children come to school dressed in their P.E kits with earrings removed. Please can we have trainers or plimsols on this day, no boots.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend, The Nursery Team.

### Talking At Home Activity

Can you count to 50?

How many days are there in a week?

Can you talk about an animal you have seen in a book?

### 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.

### Dates for the Diary

**27th April**– DT Week

**1st May**– Pyjama day in school

**13th May**– Reception Activity Afternoon 2pm till 3pm

**Tuesday 19th May**– Reception Science Workshop

**19th June**– Sports Day



### 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)

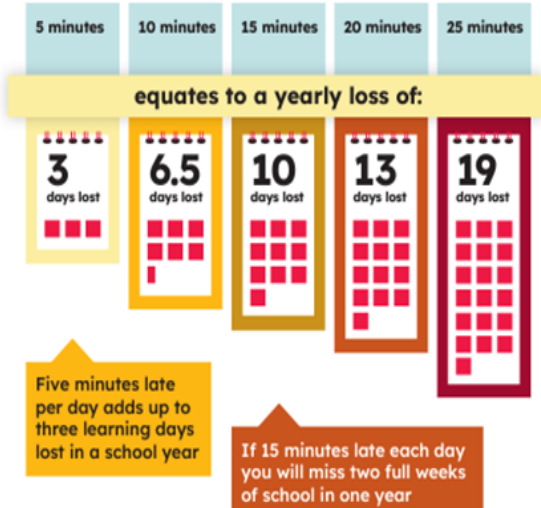
Telephone: 0300 300 1544

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## Minutes lost per day



Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

## 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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