



Reception News

This week, we have been studying “The Three Billy Goats Gruff”. We have been considering sizes and how there are three differently sized goats: a small goat, a medium goat, and a big goat. We have been ordering the goats by size and comparing their sizes in detail. Additionally, we have been creating our own addition stories that incorporate various scenarios. For example, we imagined that first, two goats travelled over the bridge to eat the tasty grass. Then, eight more goats crossed the bridge because they liked the look of the grass. How many do we have altogether? $2 + 8 = 10$. The children all came up with their own unique stories and wrote their own number sentences to match their narratives.

We are continuously focusing on our blending skills. We have been reading each day, including reading pseudo words to enhance our phonetic understanding. The children are now reading longer words, still using their robot arms for support when needed. Please continue to read daily with your children at home and record this in their reading diaries, as it significantly contributes to their literacy development.

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 your 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– Dawud, Imama, Matteo

RC– Victoria, Benicio, Mikail

RP– Theodore, Ada, Oscar



Nursery News

This week at Nursery we have been reading the story "Down On The Farm" The children were very good at remembering the animals that we met in the story and the sounds that each animal made. The children thought about the animals they would like to have if they had their own farm and drew lovely pictures of their farms.

This week has been D.T week. Each year group was allocated a country with Nursery focusing on the U.K. We looked at some of the famous landmarks around the U.K such as Stonehenge, Buckingham Palace and Edinburgh Castle. The children were particularly interested in London, with Big Ben and Tower Bridge being their favourite buildings. The children loved listening to Big Ben chime and were amazed at watching Tower Bridge open and close to let boats through. The children did a fantastic job of using junk modelling and various construction materials to create their own version of these famous landmarks.

This term in phonics, we are recapping all the phase 2 sounds and will be focusing on orally blending words using these sounds. It is lovely to see the children independently using their phonics skills at the writing table. We will also be focusing on letter formation when the children practise writing their names.

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

How many weeks does a caterpillar stay in a cocoon?

How many days are in a week? Can you name all the days of the week?

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

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

19th May– Reception Science Workshop

5th June– Race For Life

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

Telephone: 0300 300 1544



Contact Us



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The Willows Primary PTA



You can now find information on any of our events under the 'PTA Events' section on the contents page of the **PA connect app**.



For more information, or to register your support please email: pta.thewillows@gmail.com.



As part of our continued celebrations and recognition of good attendance, from the week beginning 5th May until 20th May, one class from each year group with the highest attendance will be invited to attend a Pizza Party with Mr Robinson!

Essex County Council Education

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Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day

5 minutes 10 minutes 15 minutes 20 minutes 25 minutes

equates to a yearly loss of:



Five minutes late per day adds up to three learning days lost in a school year

If 15 minutes late each day you will miss two full weeks of school in one year

Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!