



Reception News

This week, we have been reading Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have really enjoyed discussing the different sizes within the story and explaining how each bear matches a different size. We talked about our favourite parts of the story and how each part is repeated. We gathered various materials and discussed which ones would be best for constructing a bed. We also considered how comfortable each material would be.

In maths this week, we have been focusing on subtraction. We explored how to start with a group of objects, subtract some, and determine how many will be left. We also discussed how we can use our previously learned vocabulary of “first,” “then,” and “next” to describe our subtraction stories.

We have continued to recap Phase 3 in class for phonics this week. We are working on reading longer words and recognising how to identify digraphs in words. We have been examining pseudo words and thinking about how we can read them using our phonics knowledge and skills.

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 Items— 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– Darius, Ezra, Olive

RC– Cienna, Toby, Amelia

RP– Louie, Roman, Bertie



Nursery News

This week at Nursery we have been reading the story "A Squash and a Squeeze" the children were very good at thinking of different words for big, such as Huge, enormous and gigantic and different words for small such as Tiny, Teeny and Little. The children were able to remember the animals that the old lady took into her house and enjoyed repeating key parts of the story.

In maths, We have continued to practise our subitising skills, this time by listening to a number of beats and claps before repeating them back. The children were able to use their fingers to show how many beats or claps they heard. The children were fantastic at this.

We have continued to practice name writing, focusing on holding the pencil correctly and looking closely at how the letters are formed. It has been fantastic to see how much the children have progressed.

This weeks words of the week were Table, Door, Climb, Tall and Teeny. Please continue to use these words when talking to your children and look out on the Nursery noticeboard for next weeks words.

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.

Please remember to upload any achievements and weekend news to Tapestry, the children love to share their news with their friends and we love to celebrate it with them.

Talking At Home Activity

What are the signs of spring and summer?

Which healthy foods do you eat each day?

How many days are in a month?

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

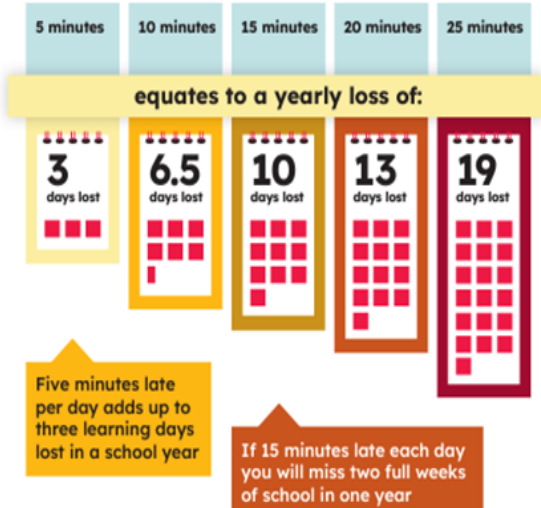
Telephone: 0300 300 1544

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Here, every day, ready and on time

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

🎫 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

✉ Email: pta.thewillows@gmail.com

📘 Facebook: Parents page TWPS



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Race for Life

Race for Life – 5th June 2026

On the 5th June we are holding our annual whole school 'Race for Life' event in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Funds will be raised via our just giving page

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/the-willows-primary-nursery-school>

Children can wear traditional 'Race for Life' colours of pink or blue, their normal P.E. kit or a decorated t-shirt.

All pupils will receive a certificate for taking part. Please ensure your child has sun cream, sun hat and a water bottle with them for the day.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. T Clay