



We wish  
you a  
Merry  
CHRISTMAS



It has been a joyful, fun-filled week in Reception — a wonderful way to celebrate the season as we near the end of the Autumn term. The children's excitement has shone through as we've packed our days with festive activities, from making Christmas cards and using their phonics to write simple lists for Santa, to continuing our reading of *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson and revisiting the story map.

One of the true highlights this week has been the wonderful Nativity performances. It was such an achievement for the children to sing and deliver their lines with so much confidence in front of a large audience. We are so grateful for your support in helping them practise their songs and lines at home. The children were absolutely fantastic, and we couldn't be prouder of them. We hope you enjoyed the performances

as much as we did.

We're looking forward to continuing the celebrations next week, which will be our final week of the Autumn term, with our Christmas Party Day on Friday. The morning will be filled with dancing and Christmas-themed party games, and after lunch we'll gather in the classroom for more games before enjoying festive treats together and sharing thoughts about the holidays ahead. Remember: For the festive treats, children can bring in 2-3 small treats to enjoy later in the afternoon. Since they will have had their lunch earlier, this will be a light snack around 2pm. We recommend sending a small sandwich, a piece of fruit, and a packet of crisps or biscuits.

**Please remember that we have a 'no nuts' policy at school, so make sure to check the ingredients of any items you send in.**

Looking back to those first weeks in September — adjusting to full school days, building new friendships, and settling into a new environment — it's remarkable to see how much the children have grown. They should feel very proud of all they've achieved, and we couldn't be prouder of them too.

### Can you help? 'People Who Help Us' spring topic

Thank you to the parents and carers who have already offered their support for our topic next term, which focuses on our community and learning about people who help us. We are delighted to have further volunteers coming in to talk with the children. If you would be interested in visiting school to share your experiences, please let us know. These opportunities are so valuable in enriching the children's curriculum and helping them learn more about the world around them.

## Reminder: Drop off and collection point.

Please remember to bring your child/children to the Reception gate for drop-off/ collection. Please do not stand back and allow your child to walk towards the gate on their own. They must be handed directly to their teacher on a morning and collected at the gate at the end of the school day. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Important diary dates and information

- 19.12.25 Christmas Party Day. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, each child will receive a paper bag this week to decorate at home. On the day of the party, please send it back with a few small afternoon snacks inside for your child to enjoy. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes (but please taken into account that they will be playing outside too!). **Also, please remember we are a 'nut-free' school.**
- 5.1.26 School closed (Teacher Training Day)
- 6.1.26 School open. First day back for the Spring Term.
- 6.3.26 Trip to White House Farm

### Reminders:

- **Home Learning Journals.** We will be collecting in the learning journals on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to share with the class over the week.
- **Cool Milk.** Please remember that your child/ children are not eligible for free school milk after their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. If you would like your child to continue having milk at school, you must contact Cool Milk directly at least two weeks before their birthday.



Have a wonderful Christmas together  
Looking forward to seeing you in the new year.

Best wishes  
The Reception Team 😊