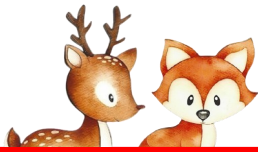




Reception Newsletter



Friday 12th December 2025



December Delights!

As we step into this magical festive season, I couldn't be prouder of our Reception children and all they have achieved.

From shining brightly in our Nativity performance to welcoming Father Christmas for a special breakfast, the children have embraced every moment with joy and confidence.

We've explored traditions from around the world—learning about Advent with Reverend Grundy, celebrating St Nicholas Day and creating our own Christingles to understand their beautiful meaning.

Next week we're excited to continue our journey by learning about Hanukkah and the traditions that make this festival so special.

Best wishes
Mr Boxall

Celebrating Our Little Stars This Christmas!

We couldn't be prouder of our wonderful Reception children for their magical performance in this year's Nativity. Their joyful singing and radiant smiles filled the room with Christmas cheer. They told the story of the first Christmas so beautifully, creating precious memories that will stay with us forever. It takes such courage to stand on stage and perform, and every child shone like a star.

It was such a joy to see so many parents and relatives joining us to support the event. Your ongoing encouragement means the world to us and makes a huge impact on the children's confidence and happiness. Thank

you for being part of this special celebration—what a truly heart-warming way to welcome the festive season!



A Circle Of Love: Learning About Advent Traditions.

The 1st of December marked the first day of Advent, and we were delighted to welcome Reverend Grundy into school to share how Christians celebrate Christmas.

She explained that Advent is celebrated by lighting candles each week and placing them in a wreath. Each candle represents hope, peace, joy, and love, with the fifth candle symbolising Christ.

The green foliage of the circular wreath represents eternal life and God's never-ending love.

This learning was made truly memorable by using large sheets of green fabric to represent the wreath and having the children act as the five candles—it was a wonderful, interactive experience!



Breakfast with Father Christmas

We had a very special visitor at school—Father Christmas himself!

He joined us for a magical breakfast where we enjoyed warm hot chocolate topped with tasty marshmallows and created beautiful Christmas crafts. The excitement grew as we handed over the letters we wrote in class, and we're all hoping he'll reply soon!



St Nicholas Day

Continuing our exploration of how Christmas is celebrated, we read the story of St Nicholas—the kind and generous bishop who lived in Myra (modern-day Turkey) and became the inspiration for many Christmas traditions.

St Nicholas was known for secretly giving gifts to those in need, which is why he is remembered as the patron saint of children.

To celebrate St Nicholas Day, we each left a Wellington boot under the tree. We were thrilled to discover that St Nicholas had visited us and left a special gift in each boot! Inside, we found an orange, a gold coin, and a candy cane. The orange represents the generosity of St Nicholas and the fruits of kindness, the gold coin symbolises the gifts he gave to the poor, and the candy cane reminds us of his role as a bishop, with its shape like a crozier.



Christingle

We have been discovering the meaning behind Christingle, a special tradition celebrated during Advent. We learned that the Christingle is made

using an orange to represent the world, a red ribbon to remind us of God's love, and four cocktail sticks with sweets or dried fruit to show the four seasons and all the good things in the world.

On top, a candle is added to represent Jesus as the light of the world.

The children loved making their own Christingles and talking about what each part means. It was a wonderful way to learn about how Christians celebrate Christmas and to think about kindness and light during this festive season!

Next week, we will be exploring Hanukkah, a special celebration in the Jewish faith.



Step Into Our World of Learning

We hope our weekly newsletters have given you a glimpse into the exciting learning your child has enjoyed this autumn term.

With so much to celebrate, we warmly invite you to our Open Evening on:

Monday 15th December, 3:30pm – 5:30pm.

Come and explore their work in their learning environment and see first-hand the progress they've made.