



Reception Newsletter

Friday 19th December 2025



Thank You!

As the Autumn Term comes to an end, I'm filled with gratitude for the wonderful memories Reception have created together.

It's hard to believe how far the children have come since those first days of term.

Their achievements have been remarkable, and I couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them.

This term has been full of exploration, laughter, and joy—from new learning experiences to exciting trips, singing, dancing, and so much more. It has truly been an honour to teach Reception and share in these special moments.

As we head into the festive season, I wish you and your families peace, joy, and happiness.

I look forward to all the adventures the new year will bring!

Best Wishes
Mr Boxall
Reception Class Teacher

Celebrating Hanukkah Together.

This week, our Reception children learned about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah with a special visit from one of our parents. We listened to stories that explained its meaning and discovered that the menorah is a special candle holder with nine branches - eight for each night of Hanukkah and one for the helper candle called the Shamash.

The children enjoyed looking closely at a real menorah and talking about its significance. We also had fun playing the traditional dreidel game, using buttons instead of chocolate coins. Through playing this game we learnt how to speak Hebrew and continued to practice our numeracy skills with counting and sorting.

This experience was a wonderful way to celebrate the rich diversity within our classroom. It helped us appreciate and respect different traditions, while continuing our journey of learning how people of all beliefs and backgrounds celebrate special festivals throughout the year.



Rain Didn't Stop Our Teamwork!

It may have been raining, but that didn't stop Reception from heading outdoors and developing our communication and problem-solving skills.

The whole class worked together to stack wooden blocks into a domino run, eager to see if we could make them topple over. Our first attempt didn't go as planned, but instead of giving up, we shared ideas and worked together to find a solution. On our second try, we were delighted to watch every block fall!

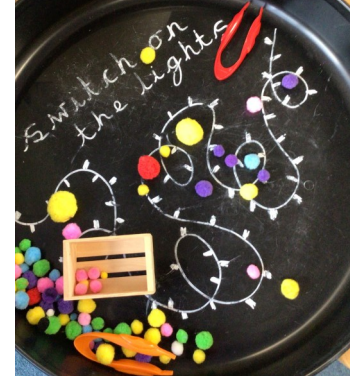
This activity showed the power of teamwork, perseverance, and creative thinking—and it certainly won't be the last time we try it!

Festive Activities



The final week has been full of festive activities continuing to work on our fine motor skills to support our handwriting. We have made our own Christmas trees using pine cones, designed our own stockings, switched on the fairy lights and made our own party hats for our Christmas dinner.

We will be sending craft items home today. Please take a little time to discuss with your child how they made it to celebrate their new skills.



Christmas Cards and Wrapping

When unwrapping your gifts this Christmas please put aside any ribbons, paper and bows for us to use in our creative area. We are keen to receive your donations in the new year so our children can release their creativity. We would also like the front of Christmas cards so that we can use them for crafts next year (Mr Boxall likes to be organised!).



Christmas Party

On Tuesday we had a joint party with Nursery. We played musical statues and pass the parcel. The festive music was playing and we all got to have a dance together. There was plenty of smiles and we made memories to last a lifetime.



The Reception team would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Mr Boxall

Miss Baldwin

Miss Kitson

Miss Scruby