



## WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NURSERY NEWS

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you so much to everyone who came along to watch Our First Nativity. I'm sure you will all agree that the children performed beautifully, no matter what role they played. We are so proud of their confidence and enthusiasm – such talented little stars!

The classroom has truly been a hive of Christmas activities! From sparkling crafts and festive songs to decorating our tree with handmade ornaments.

#### Christmas party

Our Nursery/Reception Christmas party will take place during the afternoon of 16th December. All of the children are invited to come along dressed in their party clothes, to enjoy some festive fun and games. Those children who do not usually attend Nursery on a Tuesday afternoon are invited to come along for 1.30pm and be collected at 3.25pm.

#### Christmas cards

Our Christmas card post box is now situated in the classroom, where your child can post a festive greeting to their peers. Your child has made a gift bag, which they are collecting their cards, ready to bring home to open.

#### Open Evening

We are delighted to invite you to our Open Evening on Monday 15th December. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to come into school with your child, share their books, explore the knowledge they've gathered over the term, and celebrate their achievements.




You will also have the chance to see the classroom environment and displays, gaining insight into the fantastic work your child has been doing.




Please note: There will be no after-school clubs or Star Club on this day so that everyone can attend. We strongly encourage all children and their parents to join us for this special event!

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the learning together.

#### Phonics Focus: Introducing the Letter 'n'

In our daily phonics we have continued to learn about letters and their associated sounds. We have revisited previous sounds 's', 'a', 't', 'p' and 'i' before introducing this week's sound, 'n'.

Grapheme and mnemonic		Pronunciation phrase	Multisensory action
	n	Open your lips a bit, put your tongue behind your teeth and make the <b>nnnnn</b> sound <b>nnnnn</b>	Pretend to hold a net and scoop it across the body
	i	Pull your lips back and make the 'i' sound at the back of your mouth <b>i i i</b>	Move head slowly from side to side
	p	Bring your lips together and push them open and say <b>p p p</b>	Arms each side of body with hands sticking out, pretend to waddle like a penguin

	t	Open your lips; put the tip of your tongue behind your teeth and press <b>t t t</b>	Make a claw with one hand and motion scratching
	a	Open your mouth wide and make the 'a' sound at the back of your mouth <b>a a a</b>	Use two hands to put on a helmet
	s	Show your teeth and let the <b>s</b> hiss out <b>ssssss ssssss</b>	Motion the hand to look like a snake moving

### British Values

As part of our British Values, this term we are supporting children to develop good self-help skills and table manners within the setting.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to:

- Become more independent with taking off and putting on their shoes and coat.
- Sit at the table together and use a knife and fork correctly.
- Practice basic table manners to support everyday social interactions.

### Illness Guidelines

It is important that we all follow the correct guidelines for illness.

- If your child has a temperature they should not be in school.
- If your child has needed Calpol or similar during the night or before school, they are not fit to attend.
- If your child is ill, telephone the school office between 9.00am and 9.15am, giving a brief message about why they will not be attending.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return until 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs M Sims  
Nursery Class Teacher

*"I am not a teacher, but an awakener."*

— *Robert Frost*