



## WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NURSERY NEWS

27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderfully creative and skill building week, building upon last week's exploration of Diwali, by focusing on Rangoli patterns. The children have had the opportunity to design their own Rangoli using a variety of objects and materials. This activity encouraged creativity while reinforcing mathematical concepts such as symmetry and spatial awareness.

In the creative area, children applied their newly acquired skills from last week by using wooden printing blocks to create unique patterns on paper.

We also worked on developing fine motor skills through a bracelet-making activity, threading small beads onto elastic. This task not only supported hand-eye coordination but also required sustained attention and concentration.





#### Story Focus: The Runaway Chapati

We have shared the delightful book *The Runaway Chapati*, inspired by the traditional tale *The Gingerbread Man*. Following a similar story structure, this version tells the adventure of a chapati that leaps from a little girl's frying pan and takes her on a lively chase—along the roads, deep into the jungle, down by the river, and finally into the grasp of a cunning tiger! Through this story, the children:

- Joined in with repeated refrains, building confidence in oral storytelling.
- Explored characters and settings.
- Learned about the layout of a book and key vocabulary: cover, pages, front, back, title, author, illustrator.

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

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

Grapheme and mnemonic		Pronunciation phrase	Formation phrase	Multisensory action
	p	Bring your lips together and p them open and say <b>p p p</b>	Down the penguin's back, up and round its head.	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>	From the tiger's nose to its tail, then follow the stripe across the tiger.	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>	Around the astronaut's helmet, and down into space.	Use two hands to put on a helmet
	s	Show your teeth and let the s hiss out <b>ssssss</b>	Under the snake's chin, slide down and round its tail.	Motion the hand to look like a snake moving

## Shared Reading Book

The children have enjoyed talking about their shared reading book and selecting a new one! Books are such valuable tools for learning, and sharing them every day helps develop a love of reading while supporting language and early literacy skills. Please take time to look at the book together, talk about the pictures, and share the story. These moments make a big difference in your child's learning journey!

## Christmas Fair

Our Festive activities are already within reaching distance, with our annual Winter Festival on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December!

If you have booked a ticket for your child and they do not usually attend a Friday, they will need to come along to Nursery at the start of the day and be collected at 11.30am from the entrance to the school field. During the morning, they will visit our Christmas Fayre as well as being visited by Father Christmas and listen to Christmas tales. They can also wear a festive jumper!

## Christmas Play – Important Information

All of the children have now been given a role in our Christmas play, and letters have been sent home in your child's bookbag this week with full details.

Children who have a speaking part should practice at home, focusing on speaking in a loud, clear voice.

- **Dress Rehearsal: Thursday 11th December – We will perform to the school. This is a lovely opportunity for siblings to watch and helps prepare the children for the main performance.**
- **If your child does not normally attend Nursery on a Thursday, they will need to come in at 10:00am and be collected at 11:30am. Please ensure they are in full school uniform.**
- **Main Performance:** Friday 12th December at 9.15am – All children need to arrive promptly by 8.45am so we have time to get everyone ready in costume. Children should wear full school uniform.  
Children who do not usually attend on a Friday can go home after the performance.

## 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