



Reception Newsletter



Friday 15th December

It has been another very exciting week of school! We loved watching our friends in Years 1 and 2 put on their Nativity show on Wednesday. Today has certainly put everyone into the festive spirit with a special visit from none other than Santa himself!

Phonics

We have spent this week revisiting all of the phase 2 sounds we have learned since September. We have been putting our phonics into practise by writing CVC words in our phonics lessons this week. The children have made great progress this term; thank you for supporting your child at home. On the next page are our tricky words. They are tricky because one or more sounds in them are making an unusual or unexpected sound. Children can't use their phonics skills to sound these out and so need to learn these from memory. Please practise these words with your children at home so they can continue to recognise them as tricky words.

Reading

As we make great progress with our weekly reading books, we will soon reach a point where children will only take home their individual reading book to practise with you. This will be a different book to the one read in groups at school.

Mathematics

We have been assessing the children this week on the skills and knowledge they have learned since September as well as revisiting important position language to describe where objects are.

Goslings have **Forest School** on **Tuesday 19th December**—please send children in warm clothes and waterproofs in a named bag.

There will be **no Forest School in the first week back** after Christmas. If you wish to take wellies home for the holiday, please return them by **Monday 15th January**. After Christmas **Goslings** will have **PE on Thursdays**

Monday 18th December is our '**Party Day**'. Children can come to school in **party/Christmas clothes**. We will play games in the morning together as a year group. Children are invited to **bring in a small snack and a drink** for the afternoon—this is in addition to their school dinner. Due to allergies and intolerances, please ensure your child comes with a snack and drink just for themselves as we will not be able to share food across the group. As a **nut-free school** we kindly ask you ensure **no snacks have nuts**.

A reminder of the events happening in our last week of term...

Monday 18th December - Party Day (party/Christmas clothes & bring a snack and drink)

Tuesday 19th - Magic Russ magic show

Wednesday 20th - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 21st December—Last day of term



This will be the last newsletter for this term. We hope that you agree that it really has been so successful. All of the children have settled into their school routines so well and our classrooms are such happy, friendly and productive places. Every day we see the children growing with maturity and becoming more and more independent.

Thank you so much for encouraging your child in so many ways. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year.