

Reception News

12.12.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well... it's been a week! The children have been working so incredibly hard and have managed to complete assessment week *and* take part in multiple Nativity performances like little superstars. When you look at everything they've learnt this term, and how much they've grown and developed over the last 14 weeks, it's no surprise they're feeling a little worn out and ready for the Christmas break.

Assessment week has involved plenty of phonics, writing and maths. The children have been showing us just how much they've remembered, and their enthusiasm and readiness to learn even more next term has really shone through.

A huge thank you to all of you for attending the performances and for your continued support. The children were so proud to share their Nativity with you, and your encouragement means the world to them and to us.

Weekly Phonics

Week 6 of every half term is our phonics assessment week. Please don't worry—children work one-to-one with adults regularly, so this will simply feel like an extra practice session for them. During the assessments, we will check how many sounds and tricky words the children can recall, as well as how they are progressing with their blending skills. This information helps us plan our next steps in teaching.

We will send the assessments home so you can see how your child got on and which areas we will continue to support.

We also complete reading assessments, due to this reading books **will not** come home this week. In the final week, we will analyse all assessments to place each child in the most appropriate reading group for them based on their phonic knowledge.

Please do continue reading at home or practising phonics each evening, and remember to sign the reading diary to show that your child has taken part in a reading activity. You reading to the children counts! The children love receiving their raffle tickets for reading at home and being entered into our Book Club competition.

Reading Books

We have had a lot of our Little Wandle reading books damaged or go missing. Next week we will be taking inventory of them. Please be aware that if reading books are lost or damaged going forward we will have to charge for these so the children continue to have the reading resources they need in school.

We have found in recent years that over Christmas we have a lot of books misplaced so we have made the decision to not send books home over the Christmas break. Instead please enjoy lots of family reading together.

We are looking forward to our final and festive week of the Autumn term. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Harrison