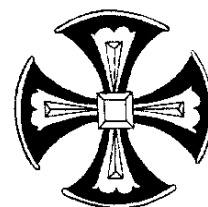


# Reception News



6<sup>th</sup> December 2023



We are all very excited about the week ahead!

### Christmas Nativity performances

Our performances are on: **Thursday 14th December at 2.15pm** and **Friday 15th December at 9.45am**.

You will receive your requested tickets in your child's book bag today. You will need your ticket(s) to attend the performances. Each performance will be the same. Please remember to bring in your child's nativity costumes as soon as possible. Please do not buy anything special for this day – grey tights, joggers, grey-shirt will be a perfect donkey costume in itself.

### Reminders

<u><a href="#">Christmas Jumper Day: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</a></u>	<u><a href="#">Christmas lunch and class parties: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</a></u>	<u><a href="#">End of Term: Thursday 21st December – 1.30pm</a></u>
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### Reading:

This week we will be reviewing all of the phase 2 graphemes and all of the tricky words taught so far. We will also continue our key focus on blending sounds to read words. Please continue to practise all of the graphemes, particularly the digraphs **ch, sh, th, ng, nk**.

**Graphemes:** s/ a/ t/ p/ i/ n/ m/ d/ g/ o/ c/ k/ ck/ e/ u/ r/ h/ b/ f/ ff/ l/ ll/ ss/ j/ v/ w/ x/ y/sh/ch/th/ng/nk

**Tricky words:** I, the, is, put, pull, full, as, and, has, her, his, to, go, no, into, she, push, he, of, me, we, she, be

As we have been carrying out our half termly phonics assessments, we have not been reading during the week with your children as usual. Your child will bring a book home on Thursday 7th December, but it will not be a book that they have read before. Therefore, it may be a simpler book than usual. Some children may bring a non-word book home. Please refer to the phonics activities (posted weekly) to support your child's reading further. We will let you know how your child gets on with the phonics assessment.

### Literacy

Our story focus this week is Stick Man. We have been thinking about what we would use Stick Man for as he is used for lots of jobs in the story. We have also had a special elf visit our class and the children have decided to call him 'Elfie'. He will be watching the children to see if they are doing good listening and learning in their class. We have been excited to work in our new role-play area which is Santa's workshop and we have been busy painting Santa's new sleigh ready for Christmas.



### Library books

Please return any outstanding library books as soon as possible. The children will be visiting the library again in the New Year.

**PE kits**

PE kits will be sent home during the week. Please wash and return to school during the first week back in January.

**Maths**

This week we have been learning about the properties of the shapes, children have begun to understand that both rectangles and squares have 4 straight sides and 4 corners. They also began to understand that squares are a special kind of rectangle, where each of the 4 sides are equal in length. You can support your child by looking out for different shapes in the environment. For example, a door is a rectangle, a window is a square.

Thank you for your continuing support,  
Best wishes,  
The Reception Team

