



12th December 2025

Excalibur Primary School

Term: Autumn 2 Week: Six

Reception Class Newsletter



Christmas is on its way! This week our story was the beautifully illustrated 'The Christmas Pine' by Julia Donaldson. It tells the story of an annual tradition which dates back to 1947. Each year the Mayor of Oslo sends a Christmas tree from Norway to the UK to say thank you for the support given by the UK to Norway in World War 2. You can find out more about the tradition here.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/articles/cpvh2zvYZ1jo#:~:text=It%20came%20from%20a%20forest,the%20conservation%20of%20the%20forest.>

Our special vocabulary this week was ancient, iridescent, soaring, remote, journeyed, gape, warble and absent.

Next week:

Please continue to send book bags in each day, even party day.

PE kits will be sent home for checking and washing over Christmas. We have noticed that there are lots of PE kits that are unnamed. We hope the right clothing has gone back into the right bag, but without names it has made it a little more tricky!

We will be visiting the school library on Wednesday as usual and class library books will be swapped on Monday and Friday as usual.

Please send RWI books in on MONDAY for swapping.

Dates ahead

16th December – EYFS party day

19th December – Last Day

5th January – Term starts



Super stars



Congratulations to our stars...

Bonnie, Margot and Sidney



Mystery Readers

Thanks to Oskar's Mum and Léo's Dad who came to read to us this week.



If you were able to come along, we hope that you enjoyed our EYFS nativity yesterday. We were so unbelievably proud of everyone, especially as we know quite a lot of children are feeling a little under the weather at the moment. They certainly rose to the occasion.



EYFS Party Day

Children are welcome to wear their own clothes for the day. However, they still need a coat and sensible footwear to go outside. In the morning we have our special magic show and in the afternoon we will go into the hall for traditional party games. Afterwards we will have a special snack. Usual lunchtime arrangements apply.

Have a lovely weekend, from the EYFS team

