

Term: Spring 1

Pre-School newsletter



Week commencing: Monday 2nd February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Just like that, we have nearly completed our first term of the new year. The children have settled back into the routine beautifully, and seeing their confidence and independence grow is truly humbling. We can see how engaged they are with the environment and how confidently they are approaching independent learning.

We have also noticed how the older children are becoming "mini teachers," helping to look after our newest members of the pre-school. It really is a delight to be part of their first experiences here at Excalibur. We are very much looking forward to the February half term.

Dates for your diary

School closes - **Friday 13th February 2026.**

School re opens - **Monday 23rd February 2026.**

Seesaw at home



Please continue to share your home adventures on Seesaw so the children can share these with their friends in pre-school, as they really take pride in talking about the things that are important to them.

Quality story

This week, we have been recapping the traditional story of *Little Red Riding Hood*. We confidently recalled key vocabulary and the structure of the story. We also helped Little Red begin planting a rainbow garden to cheer up Grandma. We planted sunflower and poppy seeds.



Phonics

We are continuing to develop our Phase One phonics during large-group and collaborative work. This week, we worked on the game *Noisy Neighbour* and practised listening to a range of sounds from next door.

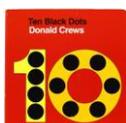
Why not try this at home

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hNonR5Kh2hE>

White Rose maths

This week, we have been deepening our knowledge of subitising. We read the story *10 Black Dots* and were interested in the illustrations and how pictures could be created from the dots.

We also used playdough to represent the number of dots on a five-frame.



Finally,

What an amazing week we have had in Pre-school. It has been so difficult to choose our 'Stars of the Week'. This week we have chosen '*Jayden and Rosie*'. Well done everyone! You have all worked really hard this week and we are so proud of you all.

From Mrs Johnston and Miss Dugmore

