

Reception Newsletter

5th December 2025



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In Drawing Club, we have been exploring *The Jolly Christmas Postman*. The children loved drawing the Postman and hearing about the familiar characters he visits, such as Goldilocks, the Three Bears and the Gingerbread Boy. We talked about snowy settings, cosy cottages and magical forests. The children created new and imaginative ideas about who else the Postman might deliver to, using descriptive language to bring their drawings and stories to life.

In maths, the children have been practising **counting with purpose**, learning that we count to find out *how many*. They revisited **1:1 counting**, understanding that the **last number** they say gives the total. We also counted actions like claps and jumps, practised counting **beyond 20**, and explored how a number of objects stays the same even when they are **moved around**.

In phonics, we've been learning the sounds **zz**, **qu** and **ch**. The children have been practising reading and writing simple words with these sounds and spotting them in books and around the classroom.

In Expressive Arts and Design, the children have been busy creating beautiful Christmas cards to take home. They worked carefully on their designs and were very proud of the finished results.

This week we took part in a **Pantosaurus lesson**, where the children learned about the important PANTS rules in a safe and age-appropriate way. We talked about how their bodies belong to them, that what's inside their pants is private, and that they should always tell a trusted adult if anything ever worries them. The children enjoyed singing the Pantosaurus song and joining in with discussions that helped them feel confident, safe, and empowered.

Pantomime

We all thoroughly enjoyed the Robin Hood pantomime on Thursday—it was full of fun, music and laughter, and the children were wonderfully engaged.

Wriggly Nativity

We have also been practising our Nativity, and the children cannot wait to perform for you on Tuesday. Their singing, actions and confidence are growing each day, and we are so excited to share this special moment with you.

As the excitement of Christmas fills the classroom, the children are delighted to discover that Santa's mischievous elf has arrived and is watching them once again. With a twinkle in his eye and a sprinkle of Christmas magic, he keeps a close eye on who is being kind, helpful, and full of festive cheer. Each morning, the children rush in to find where he is hiding and what he has been up to overnight. His presence reminds everyone that Christmas is a time for joy, good choices, and a little bit of magic.

AWARDS



Every week, the staff look out for those children who are just that little bit extra special in the current week to award them one of our Achievers Certificates. It might be for lots of effort, fantastic presentation, super learning behaviour, lovely manners, being extra helpful or just that bit more determined than the others to finish their work accurately. They might be an outstanding all-rounder.

Achievers

Dominic

Lily-May



VIPs

Olie

Sequoia

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 9th December 9.30

Nativity Performance for YR parents- £2.50 a ticket

Tuesday 16th Decenber

Christmas Crafts

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th December

Breakfast with Santa

Friday 19th December

Party Day -own clothes