

# Let's Celebrate! Reception Newsletter Autumn 2 2026



## Communication and Language (CL)

We will be talking about different celebrations and how they are important to different people. We will be talking about our own experiences and comparing them to other communities.

## Literacy (L)

This is a very busy topic and we will be writing Christmas lists, letters to Santa, cards for celebrations and lots of other things. We will continue to do phase 2 phonics with a focus on blending sounds to make words. Your support with sharing reading books is really valued. Please continue to record your comments in the reading log and practise the tricky words sent home with your child.

## Understanding the World (UW)

We will be finding out about festivals and how they are celebrated, through stories and books and talking about festivals we have celebrated at home.
We will be going to the ICT suite every week to use a range of programs on the computers and using the IWB in class too.

## Personal Social Emotional Development

In Circle time we will be discussing how we celebrate different festivals – food, clothes, presents, music, routines etc. We will be talking about how we feel during different celebrations. If you have any photos of your child at a celebration we would love to put them on our class display.

## Physical Development (PD)

This half term we will have dance sessions with Mrs Buchanan every Friday. The children are doing really well with dressing independently and trying to fasten coats up, please encourage them to practise at home too.
We will be doing lots of fine motor activities too and learning how to hold writing tools and form our letters correctly.

## Expressive Art and Design (EAD)

We have lots of exciting, creative activities planned based on different celebrations. We will be learning and singing Christmas songs, so expect lots of singing at home!

## Mathematics (M)

In Number we will continue to subitise to 5, count and recognize numbers to 5 and compare amounts using more than and less than.
In Shape, Space and Measures we will be learning about and using positional language. In maths we are enjoying practical activities and playing games to master numbers to 5.

## Garden Fund

Thank you to all those parents who contributed to our garden fund last half term. With this money we are going to purchase some outdoor equipment to enhance our learning.
It really does help us to enhance the curriculum and provide more opportunities for our children. Many thanks in advance.



**Nursery Rhyme Nativity**
**We will be starting our rehearsals for our Christmas nativity. We will be in touch soon with lines and costume details! More details to follow!**

**Nursery Rhyme Dress up day**
**We will be celebrating Nursery Rhyme week on Thursday 12th November. Children can dress up as a character from a favourite nursery rhyme. More details to follow!**

## Dates for the Diary

Nursery rhyme dress up day Thursday 12th November
Vision screening - 11th November
Cinema visit - 25th, 26th 27th November TBC
Flu vaccinations – 13th November
Christmas Fair - Friday 4th December
Reception Nativity -Tuesday 1st December 9.30 or 2.30. More details to follow.
Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day – 11th December
Christmas party – 17th or 18th December TBC

**Little Wandle books**
We have completed our phonics checks and the books sent home on Friday will be matched to your child's phonic ability.
Group Little Wandle books **must** be returned on a Monday so that another group can use it for their shared reading in school.