Keeping our families up to date with learning, events, resources and ideas for you and your child whilst in Reception at Goddard Park

Reception Newsletter

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Dear Parents

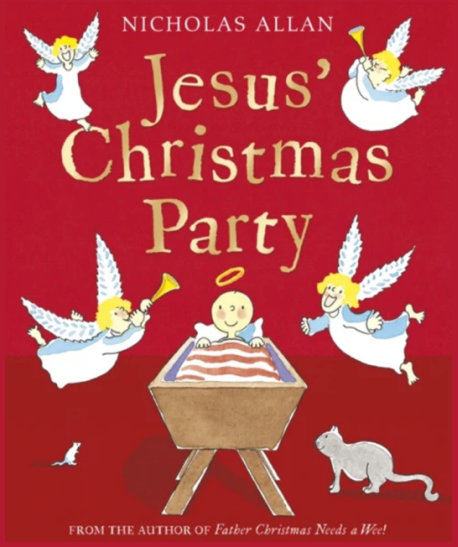
Thank you to everyone who attended Parent Interviews this week. We hope that you enjoyed finding out about your child's start to Reception, their progress and achievements so far – not to mention, their parts in our Christmas Nativity. We cannot wait to share with you our version of the Christmas Story from the Innkeeper's perspective. This letter brings you up to date with all things "Reception".

Costumes

Thank you to everyone for agreeing to sort out your child's costume for our Nativity. Please bring them into school in a carrier bag with your child's name clearly marked on it by Friday 27th November.

Thank you for your support.

Reception Nativity



Tickets available now through ParentPay

The songs we are learning for Christmas…

We are now starting to learn our songs for Christmas and need your help. Using the QR codes, could you help your child to sing these songs and learn the words? Some you will know, others and new, but fit the story perfectly of the Nativity.

Thank you for your support – we hope you enjoy them!

It was on a Starry Night

Let's Go!

Little Donkey…

Rat-a-tat-tat

Away in a manger

Reception Induction 2027

If you have any friends who are currently thinking of schools for their Reception child to join a school in September 2027, we are holding a series of open events for parents to come and look around our classrooms and school and get a feel for our school before applications close.

Please let them know that they are more than welcome to come and look around – just contact the office and they can book them in.

The next event is on Monday 16th November at 1.30pm, with one further visit to follow before application deadlines close.

Gloves and Coat Challenge

As the weather turns colder – we have a home challenge for our children.

Can they zip their coats up independently?

Can they put their gloves on with their fingers in each hole on their own?

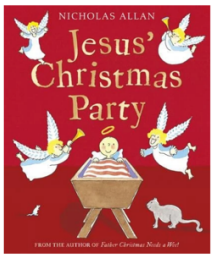
We will celebrate their learning in class if they can get ready for playtime, woodland and hometime on their own!

Good luck!

Our completed book list for this year…

If you are thinking of Christmas presents already, the following books are the ones we will be reading as the year progresses. Fairytales are great buys, not to mention modern classics. Why not use this list and send it to Father Christmas?



Who does the Gingerbread Man meet in the story? **Roll the dice – can your child identify all the numbers without counting the spots?** **Which sounds do you know in your phonics? Let's look in your Sound Book and see which ones you know.**	***Updated email address…*** Please note that our Early Years email has been updated… To contact us, you can email: earlyyearsgp@goddardpark.co.uk	**Our class reading book next week is…** 

Dates for Diary…

Odd Socks Day ***Monday 16th November*** ***Come to school in Odd Socks!***	***Harvest Fayre*** ***Friday 20th November*** ***1.45 – 2.15pm*** ***Main Playground*** ***Games, toys and snacks***	***Christmas Jumper Day*** ***Thursday 10th December*** ***"Wear your Christmas Jumper"***

Learning for next week…

Below, you can see how we are using the book "Jesus' Christmas Party" to support our learning – as well as preparing for our Nativity in three weeks!

We hope that this letter has kept you up to date with all things Reception!

Very best wishes, Mr Gale and the EYFS team
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