RECREATION ROAD INFANT SCHOOL

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Creative, Caring, Collaborative, Resilient, Reflective, Problem-Solver

November 2025 Newsletter

Thank you all for your support this month with Children in Need Day. It was great to see the children in their Pudsey / spotty / yellow clothes and the raffle raised a fantastic £507. Thank you to Mrs Stone for her efforts in organising this.

Next week we have the Scholastic book fair in school. You will have received an email to explain how this will work. We do receive funding to buy books for school with every purchase made. Thank you, Ms Hunter, for arranging this.

PTA

It's almost Christmas Hamper time! The tickets will be coming home soon; the boxes are in the staff room waiting to be wrapped and filled ……colours to be allocated soon! Winners will be announced by Santa live on Rec Road Radio. We can't wait!

The PTA have also given every class team £50 to spend on a class Christmas gift. Santa has kindly said that he would deliver these to classrooms. Very exciting!

Diary Dates

NEW DATE Friday 28th November – PTA Bake Sale 3pm

You can access our full calendar on the home page of our website: https://www.recreationroad.com/

Monday 1st December – Family Engagement Drop In @ Rec Road (9am)
Monday 1st December – PINS Parent/ Carer Engagement session @ Rec Road (9.30 – 11am)
Monday 8th December – Year 2 Christmas performance 9.30 am (Swifts & Swans) and 2 pm (Wrens & Magpies)
Tuesday 9th December – Reception Christmas performance 9.30 am (Blackbirds & Jays) and 2 pm (Doves & Swallows)
CHANGE Wednesday 10th December – Year 1 Christmas performance 9.30 am (Robins & Crows) and 2 pm (Chaffinches & Owls)
Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th December – Christmas lunch
Friday 19th December – Finish for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 6th January – Children return to school



Norfolk Road Safety Campaign

The Highway Code has changed and this could catch some drivers out. Watch this video for information on the changes - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XfZKPlhZTEA



Forty-two per cent of all driver-related traffic incidents in Norfolk are a result of:

- Some form of driver distraction
- A loss of concentration at the wheel.

It's easy to get distracted when taking a familiar journey. You may find that your brain has switched to autopilot. Find out more information on how to keep your self and others safe at https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/article/60166/Stay-focused

Christmas Event

- You may remember Dodo and Dinosaur who did a trail at our fete the year before last. They have shared this link to a Christmas Event at Eaton Park https://www.dodoanddinosaur.com/event-details/ice-age-christmas should this be of interest.
- This is a paid event and is independently run and separate to any school or PTA event.

Safeguarding



Use of mobile phones

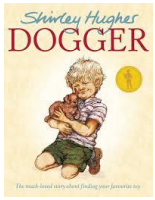
You may have noticed new signage around the school politely requesting that mobile phones are not used on the school site. Under the Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) guidelines, schools are expected to have policies that restrict parent mobile phone use on school sites to safeguard children. Staff may therefore politely remind you to pop phones away.

This also applies to taking videos/images of the school premises from outside the boundary. Should you see anyone doing so, please report this to a member of the school team.



Learner Values

Year 1
Problem Solver
We are learning to solve problems through use of the book Dogger by Shirley Hughes.





Year 2
Caring
We are learning about the life of our Learner Value Champion Mary Seacole.

Reception
Creative
We are learning about Leafman which is a very creative story. We are using leaves to be creative.



What's New?

PINS Project

Our school is part of the national PINS programme. As part of this work, Family Action Norfolk professionals, together with colleagues from the wider health and care system, are running parent–carer engagement sessions to hear directly from families about their experiences navigating neurodevelopmental differences in education. These sessions are intended to offer a safe, welcoming space where families can explore practical ways of working effectively with schools. Our session will be **Monday 1st December from 9.30 – 11am in the hall at Recreation Road Infant School.**

Find out more from the attached flyer.