RECREATION ROAD INFANT SCHOOL

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

January 2026 Newsletter

Happy New Year to all of our families. I hope that you had a lovely Christmas and are excited to be back for our spring term. We have lots coming up this term including our phonics live events and wellbeing cafes. Reception will also be demonstrating their dragon dance for Chinese New Year. Following feedback, we are working hard to endeavour to offer a range of days for different events to enable as many families as possible to be able to access some of these across the school year. We hope this is impactful.

PTA

Thank you to everyone raising donations for Rec Road PTA via #easyfundraising!

Not joined yet? Sign up and raise donations for us every time you shop online without it costing you anything. Over 8,000 retailers will donate, including Tesco, John Lewis & Partners, Just Eat and many more. It's easy and completely FREE - the brands you shop with will donate, not you! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/recreationroadpta

Recreation Road Parent Teacher Association

Diary Dates

Friday 16th January – Dentist in School

Phonics Live Events (9.10am)
EYFS – Tuesday 27th January
Year 1 – Monday 26th January
Year 2 – Thursday 29th January

20th, 21st and 23rd January - Vision and Hearing Checks
Friday 13th February - EYFS Dragon Dance

Wellbeing Cafés (2.30pm)
EYFS – Wednesday 11th February
Year 1 – Robins and Crows Tuesday 10th February
Chaffinches and Owls – Thursday 12th February
Year 2 – Monday 9th February

Friday 13th February – Finish for half term.
Monday 23rd February – Children back in school

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



Reminders and Thanks

- **Reminder** – If attending our Phonics live events, please do not bring coffee cups into classrooms as this could be a health and safety risk should coffee be spilled onto a child. The event starts at 9.10am so please wait inside gate (outside your child's classroom door). The door will be opened once register has been completed. **Gates will be locked at 9am as usual** to maintain site security.
- Thank you to Mr and Mrs Claus (you know who you are!) for visiting us before Christmas. The children loved meeting you in their classrooms and you really brought the Christmas magic.



Safeguarding - 'What I wish my parents or carers knew…': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives



Dame Rachel de Souza, Children's Commissioner has published a new guide for parents and carers, developed with children and young people, What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives.

Supporting children's safety online is a shared responsibility for parents, professionals, politicians and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

This guide was directly influenced by children in England. It is a reflection of their views, and what they told the Children's Commissioner they wished their parents knew. There is a handy guide for parents and an activity pack which you can share with your child.

https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/

Learner Values

Year 1
Andy Goldworthy
We are exploring the value of **creativity** through asking questions and using our imaginations.





Year 2
Ernest Shackleton
We are exploring the value of **resilience** through learning from mistakes and persevering.

Reception
Percy the Park Keeper
We are **problem solving** through trying things out to see what works.



Stranger Danger

Some helpful advice around Stranger Danger.

Tips when talking to your child about staying safe, not scared - https://www.betterliveshealthyfuturesbw.nhs.uk/learning_resource/stranger-danger/



What's New?



Making Sense of SEND Information Fair 21.1.26

This is a free event for parents/carers that have a child with SEND with over 20 SEND services in one place to offer guidance and information.

https://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk/article/74371?dm_i=7MOA,2ECYX,3OK37J,4SPP8,1