



Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together: Every Day In Every Way

Value of the month
Peace

Day Glow Day

Today was our Day Glow Day, which is an integral part of our Road Safety Week. Children have been learning how to stay safe on the roads, especially as the evenings are darker when the children leave school. See more photos on our website, [here](#).



Philosophy Friday

Have a go at this question at home with a grown-up!

Spring is better than Winter. Do you agree with this statement?

Why?

DIARY DATES:

Jolly Jumper Day
3rd December

Festive Big Read
3rd December PM

PTA Winter Fayre
6th December

Concerts
w/b 8th December

Class Parties
15th December
Nursery- 17th December

Last Day of Term
19th December

Half Term
22nd December- 2nd January

First Day of Term
5th January

PTA Christmas Fayre

The PTA are collecting Christmas tree chocolates for the fayre.

Our PTA would be grateful to receive any donations of chocolate Christmas tree decorations by **Friday 5th December**.

We would also appreciate any dairy-free options to accommodate those with allergies.

Please bring any donations to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Beck on the gates or into the school office.



Attendance Bear

The Attendance for the week is as follows:

1st Octopus & Koala 99%

2nd Starfish, Turtle, Giraffe & Jaguar 98%

3rd Penguin 97%

Well done everyone.



Christmas Concerts – A Reminder

We are so excited to be preparing to perform our Christmas concerts! For those of you who have not attended one of our concerts before, please read the following carefully to ensure the health and safety of all.

As we are a large school, we perform each concert twice to accommodate our 120 families in each year group and ask that the parents/carers from two classes attend on each day. Our school hall is fairly small so please try to attend on your assigned day and keep guests to two per family so we can fit everyone in comfortably.

Please also note that we do not allow siblings or other babies/children to attend our concerts. We know that this may come as a surprise to some of you but this system works really well. Our children work very hard to perform for you and, with younger siblings in the audience, it is not always possible to hear our children speak or act. In the past, families have been supportive of this measure and have enjoyed giving their performing child their full attention. Please find suitable arrangements if you have other children. We will be hosting another Big Read before the end of term and would love to welcome your little ones into school then. We would like to thank you for your support in this matter.

For afternoon performances, we will open the pedestrian gate 15 minutes before each performance is due to begin so please do not feel the need to arrive before this time. For morning performances, we will lock all gates as usual for safeguarding purposes and then open the Year Two gates at 9:10. This allows us to register the children safely before the concerts begin.

Tuesday 9th December at 9:15am - Y1 Penguin and Starfish

Tuesday 9th December at 2:30pm - YR Ladybird and Hedgehog

Wednesday 10th December at 9:15am - Y1 Octopus and Turtle

Thursday 11th December at 9:15am - Y2 Giraffe and Jaguar

Thursday 11th December at 2:30pm - YR Butterfly and Squirrel

Friday 12th December at 9:15am - Y2 Koala and Panda

Traditionally, we have collection buckets at the end of our concerts so families can donate to our charity of the year - more information will be given on the day. We look forward to see you all there. Please do speak to Mrs Anderson or Mrs Beck if you have any queries.



Big Festive Read & Jolly Jumper Day

You are invited to our **Festive Read** on **Wednesday 3rd December** from **2:45-3.15pm**.

This time, **Nursery will also join in** (parents of the morning-only children can join at the start of the day). This will be a lovely end to the day for the children and for you. We would love for you (families) to wear something festive and bring a favourite book to read with your child/ren.

It is also our **Jolly Jumper Day!** Come to school in a 'jolly jumper'- it can be festive but that is not compulsory, any 'fun' jumper will be perfect! Finally, this day will also incorporate our Christmas lunch. Rather than the traditional roast dinner served on Wednesdays, a full festive lunch will be made for all the school-dinner children (see below for attached menu).

Year 1 Poetry Party

Last week, the Year 1 children took part in an exciting online Poetry Party with the fantastic author and poet Michael Rosen.

This year's theme was 'Funny Food', and the children had a wonderful time listening to (and joining in with) some of his famous poems, including a big favourite- Chocolate Cake!

You can find more information, including a poetry competition, on the Michael Rosen website [here](#).



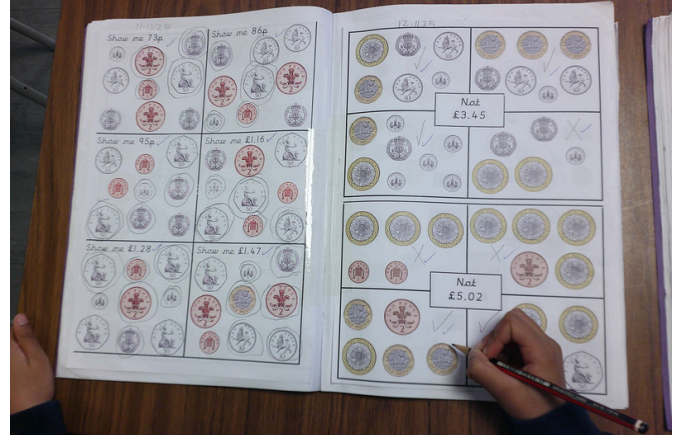
Cooking in Nursery

We are learning about traditional tales in nursery this half term. As part of this, we have been doing cooking with the children. Last week, we made and tasted porridge (like the bears in the Goldilocks story) and this week we made gingerbread men. Luckily our gingerbread men didn't run away like the one in the story!



Money Maths with Year 2

Year 2 have been continuing their learning about money this week in their maths lessons. The children have all shown that they are able to use the symbols for pounds (£) and pence (p) and have attempted to use this, alongside their knowledge of the different denominations of coins, to find different combinations of coins that equal the same amount of money! For example, "Can you make 50p in more than one way?" They have then been practising adding together two amounts (for example, $23p + 14p = 37p$), linking their work with money to their expertise with addition. Towards the end of the week, many of the children attempted some investigations which allowed them to show off their problem solving skills! Well done Year 2 for all your hard work.



Redbridge Festive Activities

Redbridge has shared some exciting festive activities for children and families this year.

The annual **Children's Christmas Card Competition** is now open for all children up to age 11. To take part, children can create their Christmas picture on paper, and an adult can photograph it and upload it using the competition webpage. Entries close on Wednesday 26 November.

More details can be found on the [Children's Christmas Card Competition 2025 | Let's Talk Redbridge webpage](#).

Redbridge has also announced a series of **Christmas Light Switch-On events**, all beginning at 4:00pm, at the following locations:

- Friday 21 November – Wanstead Green
- Saturday 22 November – Ilford High Street
- Tuesday 25 November – Hainault (Manford Way)
- Thursday 27 November – Valentines Mansion
- Friday 28 November – Seven Kings
- Saturday 29 November – Barkingside (Ken Aston Square)
- Friday 5 December – South Woodford (George Lane)

Further details about these events and other Redbridge festivities throughout December can be found at: <https://visionrcl.org.uk/christmas/>.

School Admissions 2026

If your child is starting Reception, transferring from Infant to Junior school, or transferring from Primary to Secondary school in September 2026, you must apply online at: <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/schools/school-admissions/apply-to-start-primary-school/>.

Application rounds are now open and must be submitted by **15th January 2026**.

Details of our dates for Reception 2026 are now on our website, [here](#).



Weekly Maths Challenge

Reception

Find 7 teddy bears (or other toys). They are going on a picnic and need to catch a bus.

Put them in a line. Who is first in the line? Who is third? Who is fifth? The last toy is crying – move it so that it is second. Who is last now? Draw a picture of the toys and label them 1st, 2nd...



Helpful hints: When out and about, link this to real queues that you see.

Years 1 and 2

You have a set of the digits from 0-9:

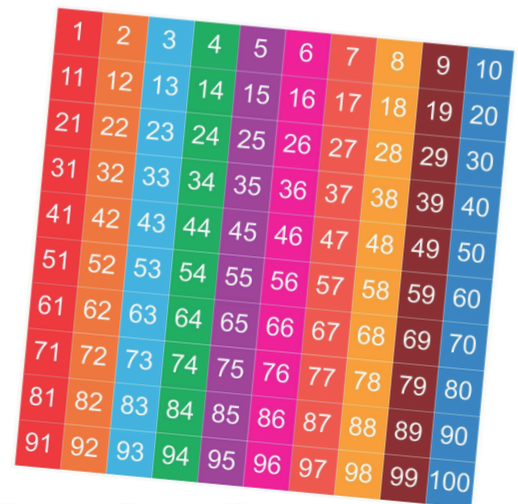


Can you arrange these digits in the five boxes below to make two-digit numbers as close to the targets as possible? You may use each digit once only.

largest even number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
largest odd number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
smallest odd number	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
largest multiple of 5	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
number closest to 50	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

How will you know that your solution is as close to the targets as possible?

Use this 100 square to help you!



E-Safety Tip of the Week!



Online Safety Storybooks

Do you enjoy sharing and reading storybooks with your child/ren? The following books are a fantastic age-appropriate way to raise awareness and understanding around online safety:

- Webster's Friend by Hannah Whaley
- Dot by Randi Zuckerburg
- Old MacDonald Had a Phone by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross
- Chicken Clicking by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross
- Troll Stinks by Jeanne Willis and Tony Ross

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CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU

Roast Turkey with Christmas Sausage, Stuffing,
Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy

Or

Roasted Root Vegetable & Sage Wellington

Roast Potatoes

Sliced Carrots

Peas

Festive Ginger Bread Man

Or

Vanilla Ice Cream

Or

Fresh Fruit Platter





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SISTER SUNDAY

Sunday 23 November



Calling all active girls in Reception - Year 7!

Join us for Sister Sunday and give rugby a go in a safe and fun environment.

Sunday 23 November 10-11 am. We can't wait to welcome you.

Questions? girlsrugby@woodfordrugbyclub.com

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