



Stamford Green

Primary School and Nursery



1 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Weekly Information – w/b 1.12.25

Reception's First Christmas Songs

Tuesday 16.12.25
RB's First Christmas Songs

Wednesday 17.12.25
RH's First Christmas Songs

Thursday 18.12.25
RP's First Christmas Songs

These will all take place
between
8.45 – 9.30 am in the Hall.

Show and Tell

Turquoise groups will have
their turn on Friday.
See details below.

YR Christmas party

This is during school **next**
Friday 12.12.25 for children
only (No change of clothes
required)

Please send in a party snack
for your child to eat
themselves during the
afternoon.

Please remember we are a
nut free school.

Our Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open on Friday 5 December between 8.35am – 9.00am in the Club House. Please enter and exit via the South Gate. All items are priced at £1. each.

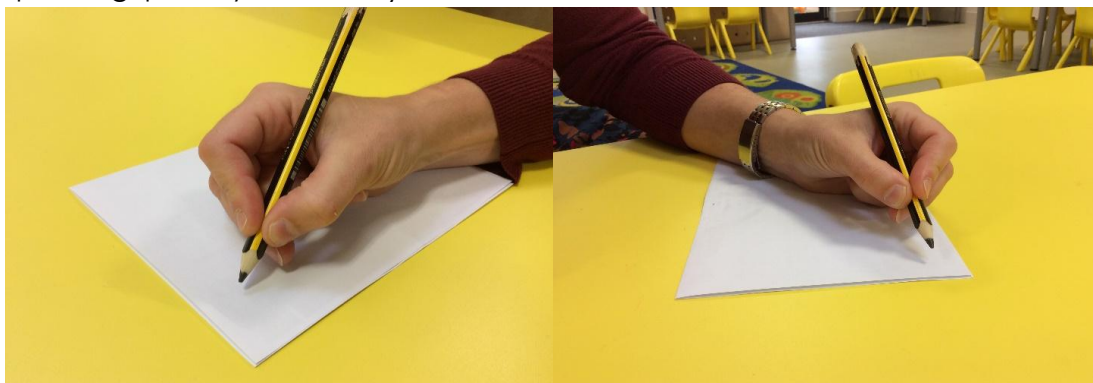
If you were unable to attend the PTA Christmas Fair on Sunday, you will still be able to purchase your child's craft this week. The office is taking payment via SumUp all week. Once your child's craft is paid for, we will pop it in their book bags to bring home. The price for the YR craft is £2.

We are certain you have probably heard your child singing Christmas songs in preparation for our end of term performances of 'Reception's First Christmas Songs' which will take place during the last week of term. Tickets are not limited for this show. You can invite other wider family members if they would like to come along – unlike lots of other school performances where places are usually restricted to two per child. Entry for the audience will be via the office doors which will open at 8.35am. If you are arriving from the West Gate, you will be able to walk through via the East Gate to access the performance entrance as soon as the school gates open at 8.35am.

For the performance we will ask children to wear a festive top instead of their normal school jumper or cardigan. This could be a traditional 'Christmas Jumper' or it might be a jumper or top in a Christmassy colour – red, green, white or sparkly! Please could we ask you to kindly send them into school (clearly labelled with their name) on Friday 12 or Monday 15 December at the very latest. We aren't asking for them any sooner than that because, as you will have seen in Dates for Diaries, Thursday 11 December is Christmas jumper day for the whole school.

On Friday 12 December we will be enjoying our class Christmas parties! We'll play party games and have some disco dancing. Children are welcome to bring in a small snack for themselves to have during the party afternoon. Please keep in mind that we are a nut-free school.

When writing this week we continue to focus on using the correct tripod pencil grip (the children know “nip, flip and grip” very well now!)



Below are some example words for independent writing if you are looking for appropriate suggestions that use the phonic sounds. If they have started to learn ‘special friends’ they can practise some words using these, e.g. shop, chip, ring, sink, moth

map	nut	bob	tap	pat	sun	mud
mop	box	in	cat	cot	cup	mug
mat	hat	lock	bug	big	bat	log
jog	jig	jet	gas	dig	got	pot
top	dog	cod	kid	sunset	tap	rip
dad	mum	hop	leg	fin	bed	hop

Learning Question of the week: Why do people celebrate Christmas?

This week we look at the Christmas Story and think about why people celebrate this special time of year. We will share the Nativity story and give children a chance to talk about whether they are celebrating Christmas this year, and if so how they will do it. We will make reference to Christianity and the Church we visited and talk about why people give gifts at Christmas.

From our Early Years curriculum the key skills we will focus on are:

- Count and represent amounts 0 – 10 using concrete resources and pictures.
- Recognise that people have different beliefs and celebrate special times in different ways.
- Use scissors to cut in straight lines, either to cut out shapes or make fringes.
- Compare what is the same and what is different about versions of the same story.
- Label drawings using letters, sounds and known words.
- Use talk to work out problems or organise activities with others.
- Use a pedal vehicle that doesn't require balance eg bike with stabilisers/trike.
- Follow instructions with two parts without further prompting.
- Learn a simple dance to be performed.
- Investigate and explore natural materials, substances and objects.

Phonics

If you notice that your child is not yet recognising all the single letter sounds, please take the to help them at home. We are working with them at school, but from experience we know that children who spend a few minutes practicing at home each day feel much more confident and progress more quickly with reading. It is wonderful to see that most children know all of the single letter sounds now.

Reading

Some words we learn to read are called ‘red’ words. These are words that are not decodable using our usual ‘Fred Talk’ method. We need to learn these by sight. We will be introducing new ‘red’

Concept Word

This week's concept word is: **below**



Help your child at home: Look at a window in your house and talk about it using the word 'below'.

words each week and will put a sticker in your child's Learning Journal to let you know what they are. Please practice recognising these words at home. They are words that you will often see in books.

This week's red word is:

you

Red words from previous weeks:

I, my, the

Maths

In maths we will be focus on all the numbers from 1 – 10 and practicing recognising these in context as well as having our daily Maths Meetings where we think about numbers, reasoning, patterns and comparing amounts.

How many?



Use your fingers to show how many!

How many?



Which number is missing?

How many?



Use your fingers to show how many!

How many?



I want my cards to match - have I got it right?

Show and Tell: Families

Show and Tell is on Friday for the **Turquoise** group from each class and the theme is 'family.' Show and tell is an opportunity for each child to share something special with their class practicing their speaking skills. The rest of the class practise their listening skills and have the chance to ask questions too.

Theme: Family

Your child might want to share a picture or drawing of their family to talk about. Photos can be emailed to parents@stamford-green.surrey.sch.uk and should be labelled with your child's name and class in the in the subject bar.

Please could we ask that children don't bring in anything precious/irreplaceable.

The other groups will have their turns to show and tell as the term goes on – so only the named group should bring their show and tell next week.

Message from Mrs Druce

Miss Poole will be starting her maternity leave after the last day of the autumn term and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well. In January, Miss Ocraft will be RP's new Class Teacher. Miss Ocraft is already well known to us at Stamford Green and is currently teaching 1M, covering a maternity leave for Mrs Blackler, who returns to school in December.

In preparation for January, Miss Ocraft will be having a thorough handover of information from Miss Poole and popping into RP to get to know the children. The rest of the YR team will continue to support the children and ensure the transition between teachers is as smooth as possible.

We hope you have a lovely week,

Mrs Ball, Miss Poole and Mrs Price
YR Class Teachers