

Peek at the Week



Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?

In the lead-up to the festive season, the children revisited why Christmas is celebrated, and we began the week by sharing the Nativity story. We linked the events in the story to the lines the children are learning for their upcoming performance, helping them to understand how everything fits together. Alongside this, we have been rehearsing lines and practising the songs with Makaton signs. It seems that some parents may be picking up the songs at home as well! The children are looking forward to performing for you all.

This week, the children have also been applying their phonics skills to writing a list of Christmas themed words. They have discovered that a list is a way to record several items by writing each one on a new line, which is quite different from writing a sentence where the words run along the same line.



Name: _____



Please Read Every Night

Please remember to read every night to receive **2 stickers** a week. One sticker is for reading every day and the second sticker is for bringing their book and Reading Record into school. Children who read a little bit every day really do make the most progress.



Our Christmas Nativity

The children are doing so well practising their lines. Please ensure you have brought your child's Nativity costume into school.

Please keep practising those lines!



Dip and Do

Please continue to revise the phonics sheets and do let us know if you have any missing. If you are not sure, please ask your teacher. Including this week, there should be 10 sheets so far.

Festive Lunch and Christmas Jumper day



We will be supporting 'Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day' on Wednesday 10th December.

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumper along with their standard school uniform for that day. If you want to make a donation to Save the Children, please hand this over to your class teacher.

We will also be able to enjoy a festive Christmas menu. Please see the link below;

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/news/?pid=3&nid=9&storyid=2693>



Forest School



The children will have Forest School sessions on a Thursday morning with Riad. The classes will go every other week. We are looking for parents who would be available to support us with these sessions either weekly or on a rota basis. If you think you can help please contact your class teacher (see email addresses below).

Forest School timetable:

December

11th - Bronze

18th - Silver

January

8th - Bronze

15th - Silver

22nd - Bronze

29th - Silver

February

5th - Bronze

12th - Silver

26th - Bronze

Thank you to all the parents who have helped at Forest School. The children are loving having parents come to help. We can always take more!

Contact emails

If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

Mrs Annabel Glover-EYFS lead/Nursery aglover13@suttonmail.org

Miss Munaza Ahmad - Silver Class mahmad68@suttonmail.org

Mrs Tammy Rich- Bronze Class trich18@suttonmail.org

The Christmas Nativity

Please keep practising the lines. More children know them now.

Costumes

Please remember to bring in your child's costume if you haven't done so yet.

Please put your child's name on their costume and put into a labelled plastic bag - we have a lot of narrators, shepherds, kings and angels, who all have similar costumes.



Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children

Join us for an insightful workshop designed for parents and carers, where we will explore the Circle of Security model, a proven approach to fostering secure and healthy attachments with children.

This session will guide you through the fundamental principles of the model, helping you understand your child's emotional needs and how to respond in ways that build trust and security.

You will learn strategies to enhance your caregiving skills, promoting a strong, supportive bond that nurtures your child's development and well-being.



DATE / TIME

Monday 8th December
1.00-2.00pm



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Thursday 11th December
7.00-8.00pm



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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Sleep



The topic of sleep comes up a lot during our discussions with parents and carers and it's something that can impact the whole family.

During this webinar we'll look at why sleep is so important for our children, how to create the right environment and routine to aid high quality sleep, the importance of independent settling, and some common sleep challenges for families.

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Tuesday 9th December
1.00-2.00pm



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Reception Parent/Carer Events 2025-26



September

Welcome to Reception
Tuesday 25th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class to
Bronze Class)

October

Early Birds: Fine Motor
Activities
Tuesday 1st
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms.

November

Phonics Workshop
Thursday 6th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

December

EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 16th
9:30-10:30am
Wednesday 17th
2:15-3:15pm
Main Hall

January

Maths Workshop
Thursday 22nd
January
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

February

Live Maths Meeting
Thursday 12th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms.

March

Early Birds: Maths
Wednesday 18th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

April

Live Phonics
Wednesday 22nd
8:45-9:30am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

May

Family Reading
Celebration
Friday 8th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

June

Bronze Class
Assembly
Friday 19th
9:00-9:30am
Main Hall

July

Silver Class Assembly
Friday 3rd
9:00-9:30am
Main Hall

Early Bird: Summer Holiday
Activities
Friday 10th
8:30-9:15am

August

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

Important dates

Christmas Jumper & Festive Lunch - Wednesday 10th December

Donkey Visit - Friday 12th December

EYFS Nativity (In the Main Hall)-

Tuesday 16th December- 9:30am

**Wednesday 17th December-
2:15pm**

Last Day Autumn 2 - Friday 19th December

First Day Spring 1 - Tuesday 6th January 2026

School Dinner Menu

The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at:

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114>

Please share these photos with your child as a prompt to talk about this week's activities.



“The angel told Mary,
‘Mary, you’re going to
have a baby!’”

Using the Nativity set, the children have enjoyed re-enacting some of the events from the story.

Who were Mary and Joseph?

Where did they go?

What was the baby’s name?

Why was the baby important?

Who came to visit the baby?







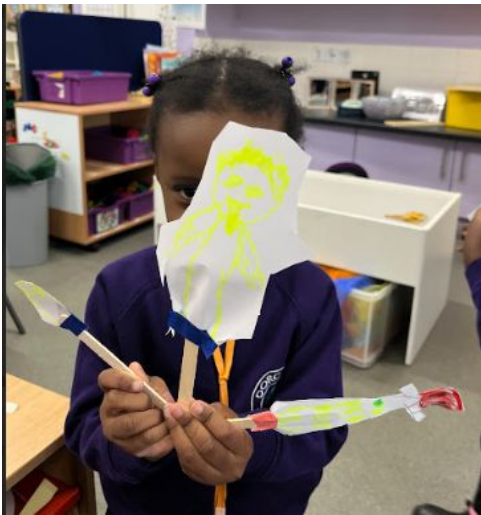
The children have been showing off their creative skills by using various tools and materials to construct their own stables.

Who stayed in the stable? Why?





When you have made your stable, don't forget to make a label so everyone knows that it is yours.



There are different ways to tell the story of the Nativity. You can make puppets, or perhaps you can act it out. Is that the Angel Gabriel I can see?



I'm Mary, I'm going to have a baby!

I'm the donkey going to Bethlehem!

I'm Joseph!



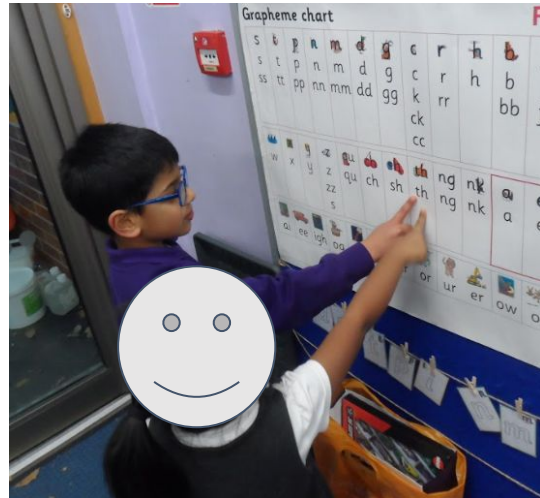
Is there any room?

Please, please can you help us?

No, we're full!



The children are becoming really aware of words around them and will eagerly shout out sounds and words when they spot them.



The children like to practise using their phonic sounds to write words

