# Peek at the Week

Friday 20th November 2026

## Our School and Iceland

This week we have been learning about our school. We have looked at maps to see where the school is and to find what other things are near our school, including some of the children's homes. Then we looked at where places are within our school. To start this part of our Geography topic, we went on a walk around the school. The children walked to Forest School and thought about how they got there. They visited the Kitchens and the Main Office and learnt about what happens there. We then thought about what rooms there are in our building and what is very close to our classrooms, such as Nursery, the main hall, Year 1 and our outdoor garden. We will be making maps of our building to consolidate our learning.





On Tuesday,we had a Wow Day and we flew to Iceland for the Day. We made our own plane tickets and flew out for the day. On Monday, after school, you are invited to see what we learned about Iceland while we were there.









# BABY PHOTOS

As part of our Religious Education, this term we will be learning about the Christian festival of Christmas. Christmas is about the arrival of a special baby. We will be exploring what make a new baby special and that babies grow and can learn to do new things. The children will think about what they needed when they were babies and what they can do now, that they could not do when they were babies.

Please email a picture to your teacher (preferably without a name displayed because we will play a game of guess whose picture is whose?)










## Wriggly Nativity

We are very excited to have started practising Wriggly Nativity this week. We have started learning the songs this week. Please practise the children's lines with them so that they are confident when we start practising the script.

The children were given letters on Friday, telling you which character they will be playing, what line they will be saying and with a suggestion for a costume.

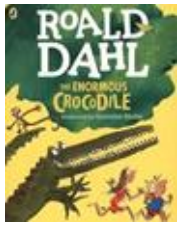
# Books and Book Bags

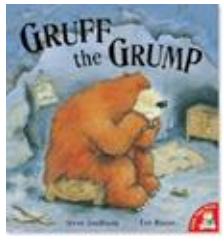
Please keep your children's reading book, library book, and reading record, in your child's book bag. We aim to change reading books on Thursdays and Library Books on Fridays, but, sometimes timetables change and we need to change books on different days. It makes that much easier if the books are always in school.

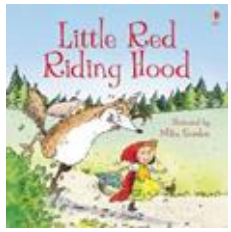
## Please read with your child at least 4 times a week, although daily is better!

Reading Records will usually be taken in on Wednesdays to give the children their sticker for reading at least 4 times a week.












# Mystery Readers!

# SHHHHHH…..DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD!

**The children are so excited about who will be the next Mystery Reader. Please consider it!**

Maybe your child's favourite bedtime story?
Maybe a story from your own childhood?
It could be in your home language.

This would be at the end of the day
for no more than 10-15 minutes!

If you would like to volunteer, or just want to know more details, please secretly talk to or email your class teacher.

**Remember – DO NOT TELL YOUR CHILD! This is to be a surprise for them too!**



## Important Dates - 2026-2027

**Around the World - Monday 24th 3:30 - to 4:15pm -** visit classes around the school and see which country each class visited last week!

**Non Uniform Day - Friday 27th November - in exchange for Hamper donations**

**Reindeer Visit - Friday 4th December**

**FODS Christmas Fair - Saturday 5th December - 12:00 to 3:00pm**

**EYFS Nativity (In the Main Hall)-**

**Wednesday 16th December- 9:30am**

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

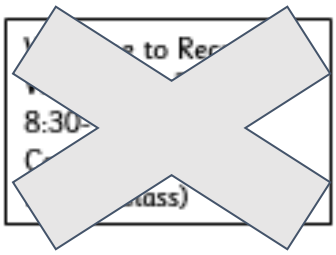
**Last Day Autumn 2 - Friday 19th December**

## School Dinner Menu

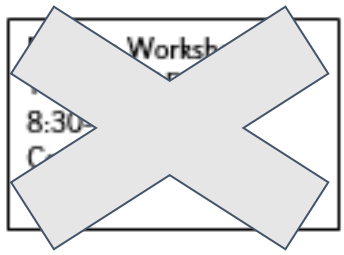
The school dinner menu can be found on the school website at: https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=School+Lunch&pid=114

# Reception Parent/Carer Events 2026-27

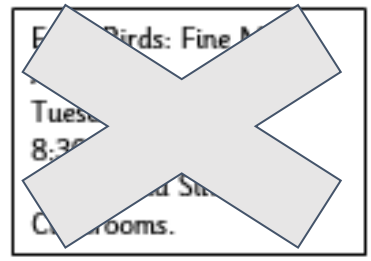
## September



## October



## November



## December

Maths Workshop
Thursday 3rd
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

## January

Live Phonics
Wednesday 20th
8:45-9:30am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

## February

Writing Workshop
Thursday 11th
8:30-9:15am
Copper Class

## March

Early Birds: Maths
Wednesday 17th
8:30-9:15am
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

## April

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

## May

Proud Moments and
Wow Books
Wednesday 5th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

## June

Family Reading
Celebration
Thursday 17th
2:45-3:15pm
Bronze and Silver
Classrooms

## July

Early Birds Summer
Holiday Activities
Tuesday 13th
8:30-9:15am

## August

SUMMER
HOLIDAYS

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# 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:

| November | December |
|---|---|
| 26 - Silver | 3 - Bronze |
| | 10 - Silver |
| | 17 - Bronze |



Thank you to the parents who have help at Forest School. The children are loving having parents come to help. We can always take more! You do not need to give us notice. If you are free please turn up.

# Contact emails

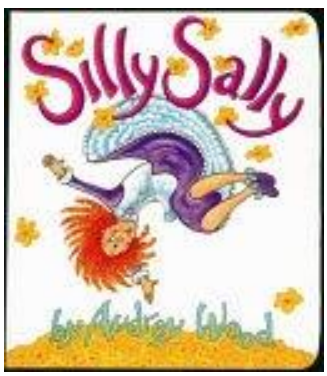
If you would like to contact any of us by email. We will reply as soon as possible within school working hours.

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| Miss Munaza Ahmad - Silver Class | mahmad68@suttonmail.org |
| Mrs Tammy Rich- Bronze Class | trich18@suttonmail.org |
| Mrs Annabel Glover-EYFS lead/Nursery | aglover13@suttonmail.org |

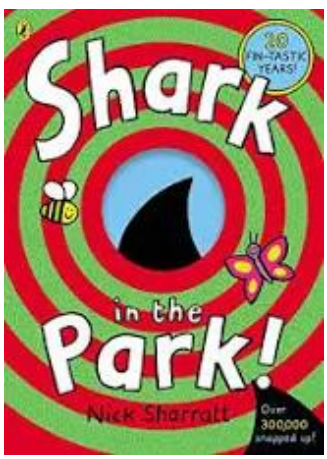
# 3-a-day Stories

Every half term we focus on three stories which the children learn to recite with us at key points. The stories introduce various story elements such as, repetition and rhyme as well as helping them to learn to tell a story in the correct order.

This half term we are reading :




*Silly Sally by Aubrey Wood*
Silly Sally went to town, walking backwards, upside down - and that''s just the beginning. Come along with Sally and her companions as they parade into town in a most unusual way'




*Shark in the Park by Nick Sharrat*
Timothy Pope has a brand new telescope and he's testing it out at the park. Peep through the die-cut holes in this book to see if you can spy a shark. Is that *really* a shark? Turn the page and find out . . .




*We're Going on a Bear Hunt by Michael Rosen* Step into the world of the bear hunt and join the family as they swish swash through the grass, splash splosh through the river and squelch squerch through the mud in search of a bear. What a surprise awaits them in the cave on the other side of the dark forest!