

Reepham Primary School – 01603 870321 December 2025 Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers.

We have had such a fantastic few weeks in school. We watched a Nativity play from EYFS and KS1, a play from Years 3 and 4 and this week Years 5 and 6 hosted the Carol Service at the church. Somehow, these events seem to get better each year. What stood out for me this year was how much the children seemed to enjoy each performance. A special shout out to the Year 3 and 4 team for keeping the play going when the sound failed. I could not have been more proud of everyone that night.

Huge thanks to the Friends for making the Santa's Grotto possible for another year. The children love choosing presents for their loved ones. I wish we could share some of the things they say as they are shopping. Their thought processes are magical.

We were very lucky to be invited to sing at the Christmas in Reepham event. Many thanks go to all that organized it and for Emily Woodward for making it possible for the school choir to attend.

Year 6 sang to the residents of Ashtree Village. This is the 2nd time we have taken the children up to sing and it is becoming a firm favourite of the year.

Yesterday, we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch and an afternoon of science activity @madscientist. Thank you to the Friends for paying for this event.

Certificates for December

Class	Inspire	Challenge	Succeed together
Nightingales	Rufus	Olivia	Whole Class for Nativity
Kingfishers	Seb	Evelyn	Ellen and Whole Class
			for Nativity
Puffins	Eryn	Jessica	Dougie
Goldfinches	Oscar C	Milo	Harriet
Wrens	Arthur	Alana	Poppy
Barn Owls	Charlie	Thea	Pearl
Tawny Owls	Jess	Samuel	Olivia

Last year, I thanked you all for supporting us during a very hectic December as I realise we ask a lot from our families during a very busy time. I echo this again this year! However, as I know many of us feel under pressure at this time of year, I thought it was worth sharing a poem that I read at the Carol Service by Donna Ashworth.



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You won't find Christmas, perched on shelves, or made in a grotto, by hard-working elves. You can't find Christmas, in glittering wrap, or nestled in boxes, so beautifully packed. You can't fail Christmas, or not have enough, there are ways to bring cheer, without all of that stuff. The Christmas you seek, is a feeling my friend, and it lives in the thoughts and the greetings we send. It glitters in kindness, at charity's door and glimmers in deeds, we were never asked for. Christmas you see, is a magical thing, which no pot of money, can actually bring. It's grace and humanity, goodwill and cheer. But most of all, peace, and all those, you hold dear. It's opening your door, then your heart opens too and it's not in the things, Christmas lives, within you

I hope that you all find some time to enjoy the simple things this holiday.

Wishing you a restful Christmas from all at Reepham Primary School.

Caroline



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Upcoming dates for your diaries (please be aware these may be subject to change)

January 2026

Weds 5th/6th INSET Days- School closed to pupils

7th Children return to school

30th Celebration Assembly/ open Pm English/ Cake sale Y2

February

6th Feb Number day 23rd Japan Week

27th Celebration assembly/ Cake sale Y1

March

5th World Book day 10th/ 12th Parents' evening 21st Red Nose Day

20th Celebration Assembly/ Open PM – Internet Safety/ Cake sale R/N

27th Break up Normal time

<u>April</u>

13rd Return to school 22nd World Earth day 24th Celebration Assembly

May

11th KS2 SATs week

15th Celebration Assembly / Science Open PM

<u>June</u>

1st Malawi week

1st -12th
8th
Phonics screening week
19th
Celebration Assembly

19th Summer Fete 22nd Sports week

23rd Sports day- AM Years 3-6. PM Years N,R,1 and 2.

25/26th INSET Days – School closed to pupils

<u>July</u>

10th Celebration Assembly

14th Play y5/6 6pm 15th Play y5/6 6pm

17th Leavers assembly 10:30am- Year 6 parents welcome

17th School closed at 1:15pm