



The Owl - December 2024



Five Gold Rings!

Layton Class' rendition of the 12 days of Christmas will certainly join my collection of favourite memories so far from our school. We were truly entertained by them both at church and at the grand opening of our forest school area in our tipi. Well done Layton Class and Mrs Dear!

For those of you who were unable to join us, we were thrilled to announce the name of our Forest School area: **The Burrow**. A great choice given our rabbit population! The garden area has a wonderful pond now and the children in Jackson Class were busy planting on the hill earlier today. I love the new name for our fire pit: **pops and crackles!**

We are very pleased with our new signs to guide the way around our site! Thank you Mrs Arnott!



Thank you to those of you who have signed up to donate a plant or equipment to make The Burrow the best Forest School area ever!

Christmas always begins at Reed First School with our day of decorating by making Christmas crafts. It was wonderful to watch the children so engaged and pleased with their creations and to see yet again, the buddies working so well together.

Despite being a 'small' school, we have still managed to fill two trees with decorations made and hopefully as you read this, they are now proudly hung your own on trees at home.

This month has been another great example of how brilliantly team Reed works together, from Buddies helping out, to staff directing brilliant performances and making our vision for our outdoor learning area come to life.

Christmas is a great time to feel thankful, and I certainly feel thankful for the part every one of you plays in making our school such a lovely place to be!





The Twinkly Nativity

What a wonderful performance we enjoyed thanks to Jackson and Bysouth class. As ever, the children sang beautifully and clearly enjoyed sharing their enormous talent with an audience. If we had a curtain, there'd have been many curtain calls! Huge thanks to Miss Wilson, Mrs Cottenden and Mrs Arnott for directing! The photos say it all – enjoy!



DIARY DATES

January 2025

- 6th INSET day - school closed to pupils
- 7th Term begins for pupils – PE lessons as usual
- 8th Pantomime at school – Cinderella
- 13th Clubs start after school
- 21st FoRS on Google Meet 8.00pm
- 30th Therapeutic Behaviour workshop for parents 7pm in the school hall

February 2025

- 5th Bysouth Class: Fire of London workshop
- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 11th Parent Consultations 3.30 – 5.30
- 13th Parents Consultations 4.00 – 6.00
- 17th Half term
- 28th West End in Schools working with all classes ready for World Book Day celebrations.
- 28th Layton Class assembly

March 2025

- 4th Shrove Tuesday House pancake races
- 6th World Book Day
- 7th Bysouth Class assembly
- 21st Jackson Class assembly
- 28th Mothers' Day morning

April 2025

- 4th Easter Hat competition
- 4th End of term for children at 2pm

Please remember all dates are available on our website: <https://reed.herts.sch.uk/news-dates/diary-dates/>

Turning Disability into Possibility

We were delighted to welcome Bart Gee back to Reed First School this month. He last visited us in 2021 and so some of our older children were excited to see him again and hear him beautifully play our piano.

I know that many of the children have come home to tell you his inspirational stories of how he has turned his disabilities into possibilities. The children have really seen how there should be no barriers to achieving your dreams and goals which is our next Jigsaw PSHE piece in January. He has also helped us to highlight the positive impact being physically active can have on our mental health and wellbeing, something we work hard to encourage in all of our children here.

Having met Bart, the children were full of admiration telling me:

He's incredible. I think I could do anything too now.

Wow!

That was a beautiful tune!





We Wish you a Merry Christmas!

I felt a little emotional (in a good way) as Mrs Murphy and I set the hall up for Christmas lunch; to see just how many little people are with us now! It was a lovely lunch; with our now annual tradition here, of singing and dancing between the tables while enjoying a delicious spread!

The children were also delighted to be able to wish Father Christmas a Happy Christmas in person as he made time to come and see us after lunch!



School admissions

Parents wishing to take up a Reception place for their child here must apply by 15th January 2025 **regardless of whether they are already attending our Nursery**. Please make sure you complete the online application in good time. Similarly, parents of children in Year 4 need to apply for a place at their chosen Middle School by the same date. Apply online at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

School Closures

As we move into January on our return, any closures due to adverse weather conditions will be communicated via Parent Mail and on the school website.

Please only use the official communications sent directly from school in order to keep correctly informed.



And finally...

Many thanks for all of your kind words of appreciation and such generous gifts at the end of term. I hope that you all have a wonderful time over this festive period with friends and family. It has been a long and busy term and I know we are all looking forward to a fun filled rest!

Very best wishes and I look forward to welcoming you back in 2025!
Mrs Wittich

