

The Owl - November 2024

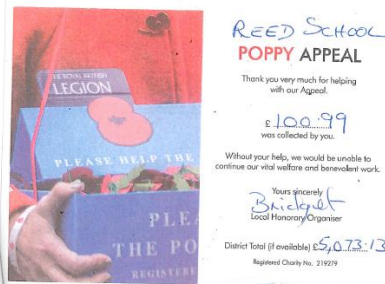
Making Memories

As you know, our vision is to ensure we all **learn together, learn for life**. As part of this, we try to give all of the children rich and varied experiences which hopefully become fabulous memories as they grow and learn. A memory for our House Captains will be the enjoyment they are having in leading House meetings to decide whether to spend or save the house points which they have banked in their banking books. All the children are learning whether to spend or save as a group decision democratically and make sure they have enough points to get the item they really want by working as a team!

All children also now have a ‘pupil passport’. This is a booklet which they will take all the way through the school with them and then keep when they move on; to show how much they have achieved and experienced during their time with us. The passports also have a section for dreams, goals and achievements which can include things they have done outside of school too. Do let your child’s teacher know if you’d like an achievement completed in their own time to be included. You can see an example page below from a passport which has already got some great achievements.



Scrap book page...



For citizenship I have...

Role	Date
Made visitors from our village welcome to our school.	
Been a buddy to a younger pupil.	September 2024
Taken on a role or responsibility in school.	
Celebrated and found out more about my friend's culture.	
Raised money for charity.	November 2024 😊
Made my views and voice heard.	
Volunteered to make a difference.	
Represented the school.	10.11.2024 Cross country

Cooking outside is on our passport ‘Skills’ page, all of the children experience this in Forest School and love it so much; two of our Houses have spent house points on some fire pit time! The children really are learning that we need to work hard and together to earn things! I know Barn Owls are looking forward to their choice of non-uniform on Monday, having voted to spend 200 points!

Early Reading

What wonderful memories and enjoyment Jackson Class are already experiencing in their first years of school!

The children love sharing their star stories with me when I am in class with them and are always keen to read! Early Years became a place of even more reading wonder, as the children and their grown-ups came back for a bedtime story.

We had some very sleepy children ready for bed after the event!

We have also regularly been impressed by the time our librarians are giving to come over in their break time to read stories to the whole of Jackson Class. They too, are playing a great part in encouraging our youngest children to love reading as much as they do!



Huge thanks to Mrs Arnott, Mrs Cottenden and Mrs Browne for giving their time to plan such a lovely event to include not only the children but their families in feeling part of our community.



Parent Voice

Thank you to all of our families who took the time to complete our questionnaire. A whopping 68% of our families responded. We always get so much useful information from them. A summary of the responses can be found on our website. <https://reed.herts.sch.uk/parents/parent-voice/>

Christmas Concert

We are very much looking forward to Layton Class performing to us next week! We hope many families across the school can join us at 6pm on the 5th December to see them performing from our tipi as a stage! There will be refreshments available and Mrs Arnott and Miss Wilson will also be sharing a wish list of plants which you may want to sponsor in order for them to make their way in to our garden. We will also be announcing the winner of our competition to name our Forest School area and to share some more of our plans for outdoors!

Please do wrap up as the whole event is outside.



DIARY DATES



December 2024

4th – Layton Class Christmas concert at St Mary's church, Reed 6.00pm start (Layton Class and families)

5th – Layton Class Christmas concert at school 6.00pm start (all welcome)

11th – Bart Gee visiting – Turning disability into possibility

12th – Jackson Class and Bysouth Class Nativity 2.00pm

13th – Jackson Class and Bysouth Class Nativity 2.00pm and FoRS raffle draw

13th FoRS Christmas disco

16th FoRS present wrap Christmas shop

18th – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

20th – Final assembly 1.30pm, end of term for pupils at 2.00pm

January 2025

6th INSET days - school closed to pupils

7th Term begins for pupils

8th Pantomime at school – Cinderella

21st FoRS on Google Meet 8.00pm

February 2025

11th Parent consultations

13th Parent consultations

17th Half term

28th World Book Day celebrations begin with West End in Schools Dance workshop: *Where the Wild Things Are*

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



We will remember them



The children demonstrated their **respect** for others by remembering those in conflicts around the world.

Thank you to Ruby for selling items on behalf of the Royal British Legion. We raised a fantastic £100.99!

Layton Class spent time at St Mary's church where the village war memorial is located. They placed a wreath made by all of children by the plaque including the names of Bysouth and Layton that mean so much to us.

We hope you have also spotted the beautiful wreaths at school in the hall and on our front window.



Make a noise about bullying

Thank you for wearing your odd socks to start anti-bullying week.

The children yet again, demonstrated a strong understanding of what bullying is and what they would do about it when they or someone they knew experienced it.

The use of our trusted 5 has such an impact on the children knowing they always have an adult to talk to about any difficulties at home and school.



And finally...



If your child would like to write Christmas cards to their friends or staff, our post box will be out for collections through December.

It is a tradition that the children really love, from writing them to posting them and of course, receiving them!



If possible, please write:

J for Jackson,
B for Bysouth
or L for Layton

for the classes on the envelope along with the recipient's name to make the job quicker in the sorting room for delivery team!

A spotacular day!

Many thanks for supporting our fundraising for **Children in Need**. The children really enjoyed getting spotty while raising money.

We totalled an amazing **£278.00** through our online giving page.



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