

Our Week



What a cold but lovely week we have had in Reception. Your child might like to tell you a little bit about some of things we have been learning this week:

- In Understanding the World, we recognised different seasonal weather conditions
- We shared the Book 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled' and spoke about helping and looking after each other. We ordered the story and labelled a lovely Autumn picture from the story
- In RE we discussed how Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a Manger. We acted out the story and drew Mary, Jesus and the donkey in the stable
- In Maths our learning focused on 1 more, 1 less and different ways of making 4 and 5 with the Numicon
- We developed our understanding of number by looking at the numbers 1 - 10 and the different ways each can be represented.
- In Phonics we continued to blend and recapped sounds we found challenging. We also used the story 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled' to learn new words such as 'squabble, trembled and scurried.' We challenged ourselves by saying sentences with the words in.
- In PE we continued our topic on ball skills
- We are enjoying learning our Nativity songs in Music and are starting to add actions to them
- In RSE we learnt that our bodies are good and made by God. We learnt the names of different parts of the body

- **Notes for Parents**
- The children have lines to learn for our Nativity and it would be wonderful if you could practise them at home.
- They will need to wear their costumes to school on **Friday 11th December** (our dress rehearsal) and **Wednesday 16th December** (our performance). The performance will start at 9.30. They will then get changed into their school uniform on **Friday t 11th December** after the performance.
- The children will **not** have PE on **Monday 14th December** or **Tuesday 15th December.** Please can they bring their **Games Kit** on **Wednesday 16th December** to change into after the Nativity performance. Please can they wear their **PE kit** on **Thursday 17th December**
- If you have any old flowers, please bring them in as we will use them for our mud kitchen. We are also in need of things that could go in our home corner role play. If you have any old notebooks, photo frames, children's kitchen or home toys, any children's cook books, aprons etc would be extremely grateful. 😊
- If you could collect some pinecones on your journey to school, we would be grateful.

Dates for your diary:

- **Friday 27th November** – INSET day - school is closed.
- **Monday 1st December** – school is closed

- **Monday 7th December** - Christmas Art day. The children are invited to wear their own clothes and a Christmas Jumper (something that they can do lots of fun art in!) For one of our art projects, it would be great if each child could bring in a clean (empty) jam jar, thank you . Please bring in a clean Jam jar by Monday 7th December. ***If you would like to come in at 9.00 until 11.30 or all day to help us with our festivities, I know your children will appreciate it. If this is something you can do, please let the class teacher know.***
- **Thursday 10th December** - Christmas Charity Run - look out for details in the main school newsletter.
- **Wednesday 16th December –** Nativity performance

Thank you for your continued support.

HAPPY WEEKEND!

The Reception Team

Below are some handwriting and cutting practise sheets

*After the fantastic response to **The Giving Tree** last Christmas, we are really pleased to be supporting it again this year.*

What is the Giving Tree?

The Giving Tree supports children living in refuge, some of whom may receive very little, or nothing at all, at Christmas.

*Families who would like to take part can take a tag from the tree in the school office, purchase the gift listed and return it (**unwrapped)** to school. We then deliver these gifts to the charity to be distributed.*

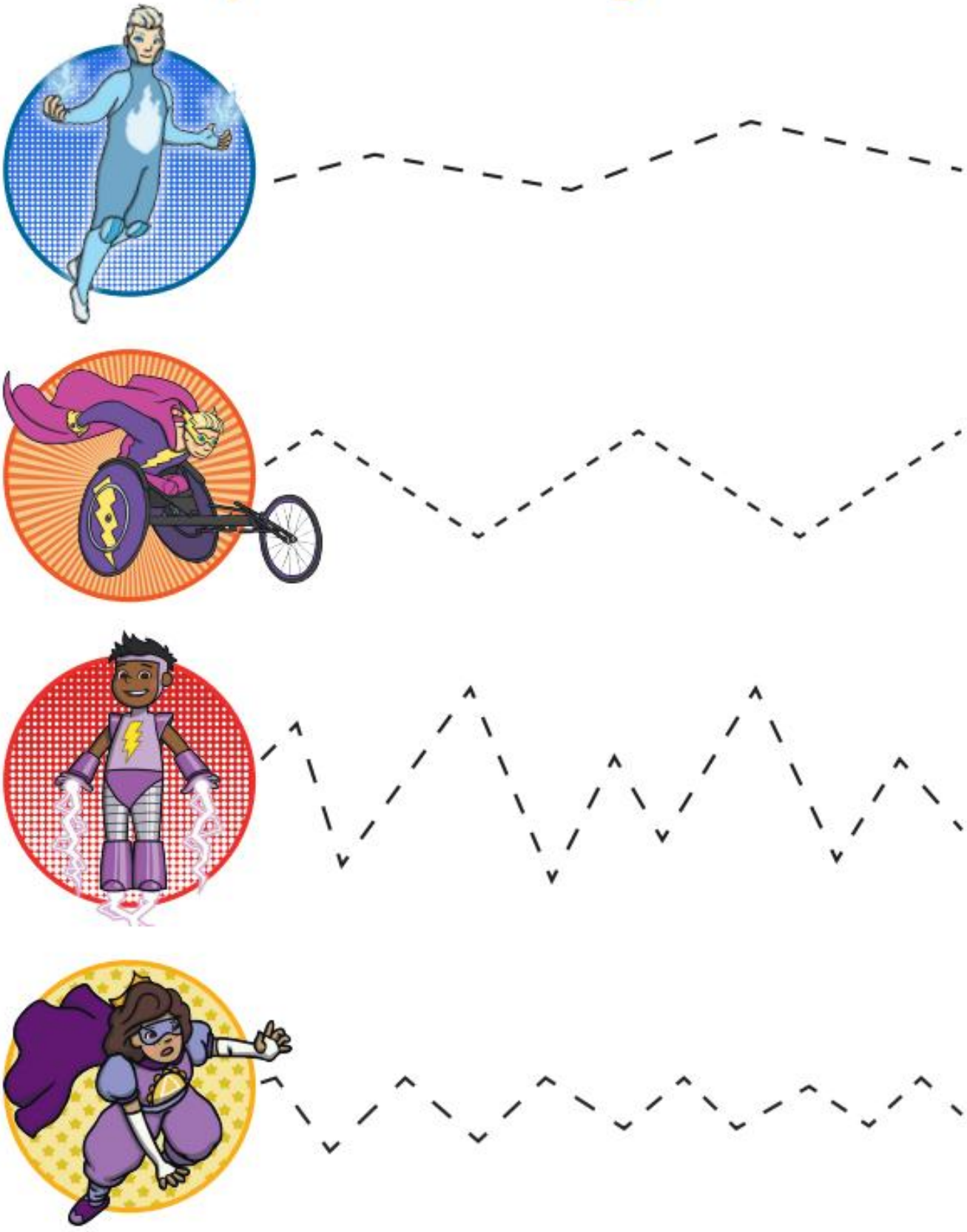
Each tag includes the name of a child and the gift they or their parents have said they would love to receive. The names are fictional to protect the children's identities, but the gift requests are real.

How to get involved:

- *Tags will be available from the tree by the office from **Monday 23rd November**.*
- *Take a tag and purchase the gift listed.*
- *Return the gift **unwrapped** to school and leave it under the tree.*
- *Make sure all gifts are returned by **Wednesday 9th December**.*
- *We take the gifts to the local collection point, where they will be checked, wrapped and sent to children living in refuge in time for Christmas.*

Thank you for your incredible support last year. We hope to make The Giving Tree another wonderful success this Christmas!

Superhero Cutting Skills




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St Polycarp's School

We are taking part in a sponsored

Christmas Run

Dear Parents & Guardians

This Christmas, your child is taking part in a Sponsored Christmas Run to raise funds for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care, on Thursday 10th December.

Every donation helps provide vital care and support for local patients living with an advanced or terminal illness, and their families and carers.

Please sponsor your child, share with family & friends and help make a difference this Christmas.

Donate via cash/cheque in this envelope, scan the QR code or donate online at
www.pth.org.uk/school-christmas-runs

This Christmas the school is taking part in a sponsored Christmas Run

to raise vital funds to support

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care

...because every day is precious





Your child will be taking part in a festive sponsored run to support the amazing work of Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care.

On the day, your child will be given either a set of reindeer antlers or an elf hat to wear for their run, which they can keep and take home with them.

Your child has also been given a sponsorship envelope, and we'd be grateful for any support you can give. Every donation, no matter how small, helps fund the nurses, counsellors, therapists and doctors who provide vital care and support to local families.

Donations can be made using the sponsorship envelope (cash or cheque), by scanning the QR code, or online at www.pth.org.uk/school-christmas-runs. Your child should bring their envelope into school on the day of their run.

Phyllis Tuckwell provides expert palliative and end of life care, support and understanding to patients and families across West Surrey and North East Hampshire. They care for people at home, in care homes, across their hospice care sites and in the community, helping more people get the support they need when it matters most. The Government/NHS only cover around 25% of the funding Phyllis Tuckwell need, meaning they have to raise over £30,000 every single day! Your donation helps ensure this care remains available free of charge to patients and their families when they need it most.

Clifton Ingram Solicitors is proud to support the Phyllis Tuckwell Schools Reindeer Run campaign again this year. As one of the leading firms of solicitors in the Thames Valley, M3 Corridor and Surrey, they serve both individuals and business clients with a wide range of legal services. Focusing on our clients' individual needs, we provide practical solutions and proactive legal advice, delivering clear and pragmatic guidance tailored to help people achieve their objectives.

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Win a £150 Smyths Toys Voucher

Every child that returns their sponsorship envelope, or gets sponsored online, will be entered into a prize draw to win a £150 Smyths Toys Superstores voucher, kindly provided by Clifton Ingram Solicitors. Please make sure your child's FULL NAME is clearly written on the envelope or completed online to be eligible.

Full prize terms and conditions can be found at: **www.pth.org.uk/school-christmas-runs**

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Building on the Foundations for our Future

YOUTH AND YOUNG PEOPLE NATIVITY
JUNIORS PAINTING COMPETITION 2026/2027

NATIVITY SCENE WATERCOLOUR PAINTING COMPETITION

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD

THEME GUIDE:

- NATIVITY SCENE OF OUR LORD
- WRITE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE THAT BEST RELATES TO YOUR PAINTING ON THE FRONT OR ON THE BACK
- A4 OR A3 WATERCOLOUR PAINTING
- YOU MUST INCLUDE: CHILD'S NAME, AGE, YEAR GROUP, NAME OF SCHOOL AND FULL ADDRESS OF SCHOOL.



INFO

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER (PLEASE GIVE YOUR ART WORK TO MRS ELDEN IN SWIFTS)

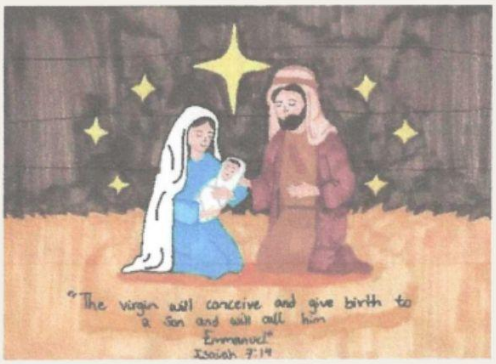
PRIZES

WINNER: £30
2ND PLACE: £20
3RD PLACE: £15
£100 TO THE WINNER'S SCHOOL

2025 KS1 WINNER



2025 KS2 WINNER



FARNHAM IN BLOOM

Design a carpet bed for Gostrey Meadow

Theme for 2027

To celebrate Farnham Town Council becoming a Butterfly Friendly Council, the theme is:

"Pollinators: Nature's Tiny Heroes"

Be inspired by the amazing insects and animals that help plants, flowers and trees thrive. Think of butterflies, bees, moths, hoverflies, beetles and other important pollinators, alongside the colourful flowers they depend on.

Let your imagination bloom and create a design that celebrates the beauty and importance of pollinators in our gardens, parks and green spaces.

How to Enter

- Create a square design for the carpet bed at Gostrey Meadow.
- Keep it simple - bold designs work better than very detailed ones.
- Email your entry to bloom@farnham.gov.uk or post it to the Farnham Town Council offices.
- Include your name, school, and year group.
- Deadline: Friday 15th January 2026.

What Happens Next?

- The winning design will be chosen by a panel of judges.
- It will be brought to life by a specialist planting team and Farnham Town Council's Outside Workforce in June 2027.
- The winner will be invited for a photo with the Mayor of Farnham by the display, and a press release will be shared with local media such as the Farnham Herald and Vantage Point magazine.



The 2026 winning carpet bed design featuring Winnie the Pooh alongside the original artwork