

Nursery News

Week commencing 11/10/26

Our five senses



This week, we have shared the book *My Five Senses*. We have discussed all five of our senses and what we use them for.

Our eyes are for looking, our ears are for hearing, our noses are for smelling, our tongues are for tasting, and our fingers are for touching.

During carpet time, we enjoyed a listening game where we listened to different sounds and tried to identify what they were. We also explored a variety of smells, including pleasant and unpleasant ones. We investigated how different materials feel to the touch and tasted a selection of fruits to discover which ones we liked best.



We have also been learning to name different parts of our bodies and enjoyed singing and joining in with the actions to *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes*.



During our phonics sessions this week, we have explored the sounds made by different musical instruments. We have practised making these sounds ourselves, as well as playing the instruments loudly and quietly, and slowly and quickly.

Our indoor activities have included:

- **Five senses artwork:** Experimenting with painting our hands to create handprints on our five senses pictures.

- **Hairdressing role play:** Exploring the hairdressing role-play area, talking about our actions and describing what we are doing.
- **Mark making:** Practising controlling our scribbles at the mark-making table and having a go at writing our names.
- **Maths:** Creating people from 2D shapes, selecting and rotating the shapes to make them fit.
- **Water play:** Matching pairs of socks and washing them in the water tray.
- **Playdough:** Exploring lemon-scented playdough, using our hands to squash, bend and twist it into different shapes.









Our outdoor activities have included:

- **Nursery rhymes:** Exploring the nursery rhyme puppets and deciding which rhymes we could sing together.
- **Water play:** Collecting balls and rolling them down the slopes in the water tray.
- **Sand play:** Exploring the sandpit using buckets and spades.
- **Mud kitchen:** Getting creative and making autumn pies in the mud kitchen.
- **Mark making:** Practising drawing lines, circles and other marks on the blackboards using water pens.
- **Physical development:** Working together to build balance beams and practising walking across them.












Some activities you could enjoy together at home include:

- **Sharing a story:** Enjoying a bedtime story together and talking about the pictures.
- **Early writing:** Practising writing the first letter of your child's name.

- **Independence:** Encouraging your child to practise putting on their own coat and shoes.
- **Nursery rhymes:** Singing the nursery rhyme *Tommy Thumb* together.

Looking ahead to next week…

Next week, we will be exploring the season of autumn and sharing the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*.

Just a little reminder!

If your child is starting Reception in September, please remember to apply for their school place by January.

We are also holding Reception viewing sessions, giving you the opportunity to visit the Reception classrooms during the school day. These sessions can be booked by contacting the school office.

Admission to reception classes - Norfolk County Council



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Reception class applications for September 2027 opened on 23 September 2026 and will close on 15 January 2027.

If your child is due to start school in September 2027, you need to apply for a reception class place.

Apply for a school place online