



School Newsletter

Monday 13th January 2025

Happy Monday everyone!

May I wish you all a very happy new year from all of us at East Prescott Road. I hope you had a lovely Christmas and new year break. On behalf of the staff team, **thank you all so much for your lovely Christmas cards, messages and gifts.** We really appreciate your kindness and the lovely messages in your Christmas cards.

2025 promises to be another exciting year at EPR, with lots of lovely things to look forward to. Last week, we welcomed some new children and families into our school. I know that when you see some new faces around, you will make our new feel welcome and part of our school family.

Our theme this half term is **"Once upon a time"**. Children will be reading traditional tales in class and learning about the characters in these well-known stories such as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and Goldilocks.

Home Learning this week

Decorate a large wooden spoon with a character from a traditional story. Some ideas might be the Big Bad Wolf, Cinderella, the giant from Jack and the Beanstalk, Hansel and Gretel, the three bears, the troll and three Billy Goats, the Gingerbread Man, the three little pigs, Rapunzel...the possibilities are endless. **Bring your amazing spoon into school as soon as it is ready** for some fantastic storytelling! You can make more than one character if you want to!

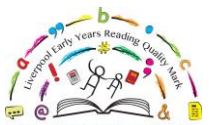


Apply for your child's Reception class place

The deadline for applications for **Reception class places** is this Wednesday, **15th January 2025**. If your child is due to start Reception class in September, you will need to ensure you complete an application online by visiting: <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

NELI Preschool

The children who are leaving us for primary school in July will start our NELI Preschool programme from this week. Our first book is **"The Three Little Pigs"**. You can access the NELI weekly newsletters from our school website.



Please go to the home page and scroll down to the bottom. You will find a tile called **NELI Preschool**. If you click on this, the information for each book is at the bottom of this section. The information leaflet tells you what the **Special Words** are for the week and give ideas for supporting your child's learning at home.

Snow and Ice – keeping you informed

May I apologise most sincerely for the inconvenience caused last week and thank you all for your understanding. We will always inform parents by text message if school will be closed because of snow/ice, or of a late start is required.

At this time of year, the weather can present significant operational problems at short notice. Please check your mobile phone if snow is forecast to see whether school is open that day. **If you did not receive a text, please check at the office that we have the correct phone number for you.**

Winter coats

Please continue to ensure your child has **a nice warm coat with a hood for school.**

Learning Journals

Many of you have set up your accounts to view your child's online learning journey. It is lovely to see many of you commenting on your child's learning and adding learning stories from home.

If you did not receive an email to set up your account, this will be because you have not returned your completed permission slip. **Please ask your child's teacher for another copy of the permission slip** so that you can view your child's account online.

Attendance and Timekeeping

This is the time of year when children pick up bugs. If your child is too poorly sick to come to school, the best place for them is at home resting. This allows them to make a swift recovery and prevents the spread of illness to other children.

Please ring the school office and let Joanne Jones know that they won't be in **on the first day of absence**. As a maintained nursery school, we follow the safeguarding procedures and policies of Liverpool City Council. **Any unexplained absences may be followed up as a safeguarding concern.**

Names on all belongings / lost property basket

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please check the **lost property basket** in the library area for any un-named missing items.

Snack Fund

Snack Fund is now due for this half term. Please hand your **£12 cash payment** to your child's class teacher by **Friday 24th January**. Many thanks in advance.

Chinese New Year dragon show

To mark the start of our 2025 Chinese New Year celebrations, the dragon dancers will be visiting school. We would like to invite parents at **10.30am or 12.15pm on Monday 27th January** to come and see the amazing show, which has become an annual traditional at EPR. The show lasts about 30 minutes. Access for parents will be via the carpark gate.

Have a lovely week.

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