



School Newsletter Friday 14th November 2025

Headteacher's insight

As we paused this week to mark **Remembrance Day**, our school community has shown great thoughtfulness and respect in reflecting on the sacrifices made by others. The children's discussions and creative work around remembrance have been truly moving and remind us of the importance of peace, gratitude and togetherness.

Meanwhile, there's an unmistakable buzz in school as **Nativity rehearsals** begin! The excitement of the festive season is starting to build, and we're all looking forward to the wonderful performances and joyful celebrations that lie ahead. It's always such a special time of year, and I know the coming weeks will be full of sparkle, teamwork, and memorable moments. We are particularly looking forward to the Christmas Fayre which the PTFA are busy organising for us all to enjoy. Please see below for details of how you can support through the upcoming non uniform day making donations for the tombolas.

A big thank you to everyone supporting our **Book Advent Calendar Raffle** – **tickets are available on MCAS for £1.50 each**, and every purchase helps to fund new reading resources for our children. Speaking of reading, we are incredibly proud of the progress our youngest pupils are making — their enthusiasm and growing confidence as readers are a joy to see!

We enjoyed welcoming families into school for our **Learner Review Meetings** this week. These meetings were a valuable opportunity for children, parents and teachers to come together to reflect on learning, celebrate achievements and plan next steps — a truly collaborative approach to supporting and challenging every learner.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in school life.

Please continue to stay connected with us by following our **school Facebook page**, where we share regular updates, photos, and celebrations of school life.



Mrs Thompson

Mrs Emily Thompson
Executive Headteacher





Upcoming Non-Uniform days

- 1) **28th November:** In exchange for the non-uniform day, we are asking for donations of tombola or raffle prizes for our Christmas Fayre on Tuesday 16th December - this could be bottles/sweets/chocolates etc.
- 2) **11th December:** Christmas Jumper Day, please make donations to Save the Children by clicking on the image below. Thank you





Advent Calendar Donation



As part of our support for the local community this Christmas, we will be collecting **advent calendars** to donate to our local foodbank. This initiative helps ensure that every child can experience the joy of having an advent calendar, even when family finances are under strain.

If you are able to contribute, please consider picking up an advent calendar (or two!) when doing your shopping and adding them to our **collection station in the school entrance** between **Monday and Friday next week**.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping to make this festive season special for all children in our community.





Book Advent Calendar Prize Draw

- 3 prize book advent calendars to be won, each with 24 age appropriate books wrapped ready to be opened each day in the run up to Christmas!
- **Tickets £1.50 each**
- Prizes will be drawn and distributed on **Friday 28th November**
- **Please log into your MCAS account and the tickets can be purchased under the products section. You can purchase as many tickets as you like!**





News from our classrooms

Dragonflies Class

Our first two weeks back at school for Autumn 2 have been jam packed full of new learning and fun.

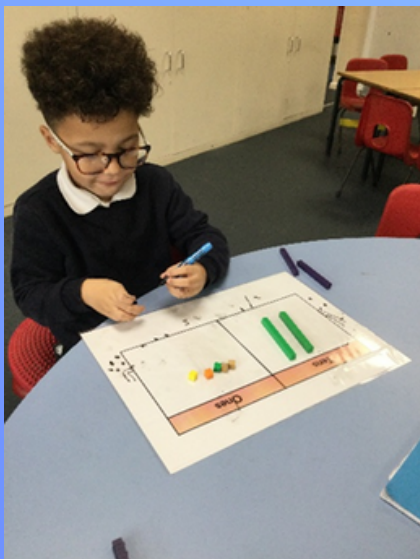
In **PE** the children have embraced the new skill of parkour. They loved practicing their jumping skills, over varying objects and with varying foot sequences. The whole lesson was done to music which they also absolutely loved.

The **nativity practice** has set off to a great start with 6 songs being learnt ready for the play. The children have been enthusiastic about the singing, the staging, the costumes and the parts that they will play.

In **English**, we have moved on to learning about 'The Storm Whale in Winter'. This is a book about a little boy who is saved from a frozen boat by a whale. The children have loved exploring this text, discussing how characters feel throughout the story, describing the storm and now developing their knowledge of whales to write a fun informative fact file about whales.

The children have embraced the concept of challenge this half term with some new vocabulary being used in lessons. We have focused on challenges being 'Golden Dragonflies' and 'Crystal Dragonflies' to help them push themselves in their learning and feel accomplished by meeting new challenges every lesson.

A busy half term is in full swing, but Dragonflies are stepping up and having lots of fun in the process!

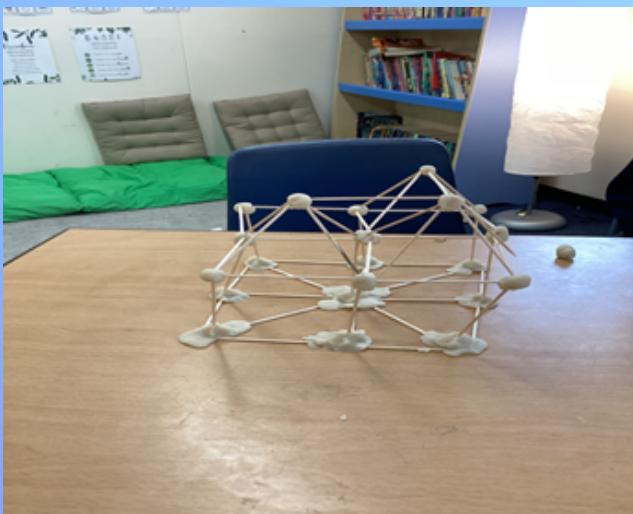




Hedgehogs Class

This week we began our exciting new topic on structures. Using toothpicks and plasticine, we experimented with creating different shapes and discovered which ones had the strongest bases. The children showed fantastic creativity and problem-solving skills!

Next week, we'll move into the planning phase as we start to design our very own pavilions.



In **Science**, we explored the amazing framework that supports our bodies: human bones. The children drew skeletons and carefully labelled the key bones, learning how each one helps us move, stand tall, and stay protected.

In **Maths**, we have started our journey into multiplication and division. The children are already spotting patterns and making links between the two operations. To keep practicing, don't forget to use TT Rockstars heatmaps at home to remind you of your target times tables. Regular practice will make a huge difference!



Well done Hedgehogs! It's been a busy and brilliant week of learning.



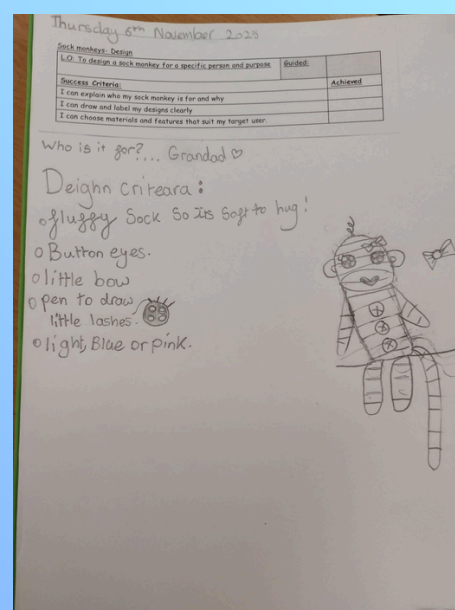
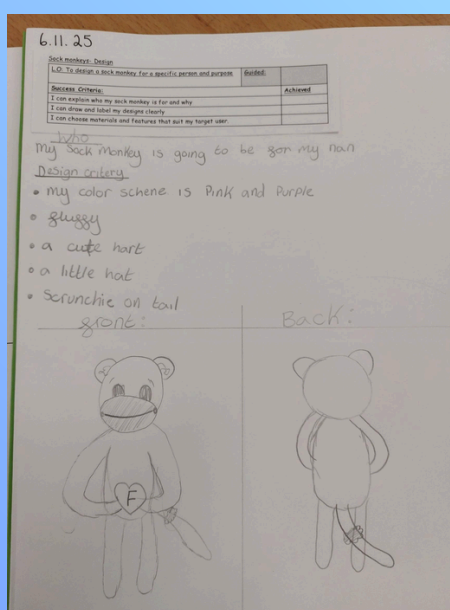
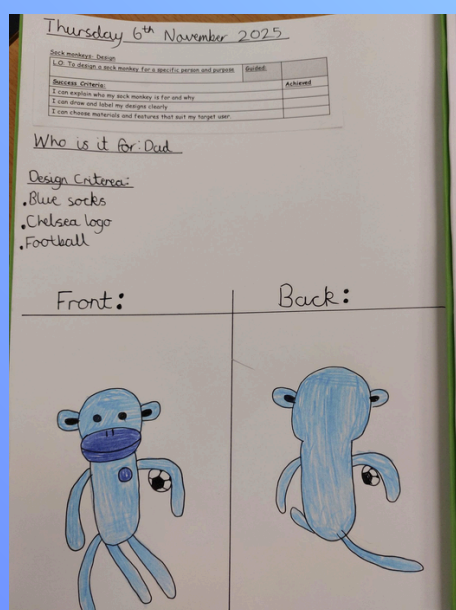
Badgers Class

This week's class assembly was a fantastic celebration of the Badgers class! Our students shone brightly as they showcased their hard work, creativity, and teamwork.

Everyone could see the confidence and enthusiasm they bring into every activity.

A huge well done to the Badgers for putting together such a memorable assembly.

We're so proud of you – keep up the amazing work!



Our sock monkey **DT project** is underway! The designs are looking fantastic, and we can't wait to see these quirky creations come to life.

It's shaping up to be an amazing term full of learning, creativity, and fun!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all the parents and families who were able to join us for our **Reception children's very first Stay and Play session** this week! It was so lovely to see the children sharing their classroom activities with you and talking proudly about their routines and favourite things to do at school.

The children were so excited to show you around their learning space — and your involvement made the morning extra special. Thank you again!



Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

We do have children in our school that have severe nut allergies.

First aid staff in the school are trained to use the Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which is required immediately if this happens. **We cannot have nuts in school in any form.** So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example: Peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate spreads, cereal bars, some granola bars, cakes that contain nuts, biscuits/cookies that contain nuts, peanut butter, some Asian food, including satay sauces that contain nuts.

This list is not exhaustive, so **please check the packaging of products closely.** We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it.

We are a nut-free school

Please do not bring in any nut-based products into school or in packed lunches



Thank you...

...for helping our school be a safe environment for children with allergies



Key dates for your diary



Next week!

- **Monday 17th - Friday 21st November:** Donations for advent calendars for Foodbank. Collection station in school entrance.
- **Thursday 20th November 9.15 - 9.35am:** **Hedgehogs** Class Assembly - Parents & Carers invited
- **Thursday 20th November:** **Owls** Class Trip

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- **Thursday 27th November 9.15 - 9.35am:** **Owls** Class Assembly - Parents & Carers invited
 - **Friday 28th November:** Non Uniform Day in exchange for PTFA Fayre donations (bottles, sweets/choc for tombola)
 - **Thursday 4th December 9.15 - 9.35am:** **Squirrels** Class Assembly - Parents & Carers invited.
 - **Tuesday 9th December 2.30pm:** **EYFS & Year 1** Nativity Performance 1 - Parents & Carers invited
 - **Wednesday 10th December 9.15am:** **EYFS & Year 1** Nativity Performance 2 - Parents & Carers invited
 - **Friday 12th December:** Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day - Non uniform day that includes a Christmas/Winter jumper. **Families invited to make a donation through Just Giving page**
 - **Tuesday 16th December 2.15pm:** **KS2 (Years 3,4,5,6)** Church carol Concert - Parents & carers invited
 - **Tuesday 16th December 3.30 - 5pm:** PTFA Winter Fayre
 - **Friday 19th December 3.15pm:** Christmas Sing Along - Parents & Carers invited
 - **Friday 19th December:** Last day of Term





Term Dates 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Inset Day – Monday 1 September
Inset Day – Tuesday 2 September
Inset Day – Wednesday 3 September
Autumn Term Starts – Thursday 4 September
School Ends – Friday 24 October
Half Term - 27 October - 31 October
Inset Day – Monday 3 November
School Starts – Tuesday 4 November
Autumn Term Ends – Friday 19 December

SPRING TERM 2026

Inset Day – Monday 5 January
Spring Term Starts – Tuesday 6 January
School Ends – Friday 13 February
Half Term - 16 February - 20 February
School Starts – Monday 23 February
Spring Term Ends – Friday 27 March

SUMMER TERM 2026

Summer Term Starts – Monday 13 April
May Bank Holiday – Monday 4 May
School Ends – Friday 22 May
Half Term - 25 May – 29 May
School Starts – Monday 1 June
Summer Term Ends – Friday 17 July
Inset Day – Monday 20 July

You can now see our term dates
for 2026-2027 - click below.

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