

 End of Autumn Term Newsletter

A wonderful start to the year

As we reach the end of our first half term, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our children, families and staff for such a positive start to the school year.

It has been wonderful to welcome so many families into school for Parents' Evening, our Year 1 Class Assembly, phonics workshops and other events. Your support and involvement make such a difference to our children, and we really value the partnership we have with you.

A special well done to Year 1, who had a fantastic day out in our local community this week, sharing their learning about toys over time. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to take their learning beyond the classroom.

 Securing the foundations

This half term, there has been a strong focus across school on securing the important foundational skills children need so that they can use them confidently across the curriculum and beyond.

You can continue to support learning at home by:

 Reading regularly and exploring different texts together.

 Practising weekly spellings, which can be found on ClassDojo.

 Exploring maths in real-life situations, such as shopping, telling the time, measuring, cooking and recognising numbers in the environment.

Little and often really does make a difference!

 Staying safe online this half term

As we head into the October half-term break, please remember the importance of monitoring your child's online activity and use of devices.

Talk regularly with your child about what they are watching, playing and accessing online, and remind them to speak to a trusted adult if anything online worries or upsets them.

 Attendance and punctuality matter

Every day in school counts. Good attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, build friendships and make progress.

Our Daily Dedication and Ready, Set, Learn routines also reinforce the importance of good punctuality. Arriving at school on time means children are settled, prepared and ready to begin learning alongside their classmates.

This half term's attendance

Tiny Twos: 89.2%

Nursery: 90.7%

The Nest: 94.0%

Reception: 92.9%

Year 1: 95.7%

Year 2: 94.6%

Year 3: 96.1% ★

Year 4: 93.2%

Year 5: 96.2% ★

Year 6: 96.9% ★

👏 A huge well done to Years 3, 5 and 6 for achieving above 96%!

Let's continue working together next half term to give every child the very best chance of being in school, on time, every day.

Dates for your diary

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Autumn 2 on **Monday 2nd November 2026**.

November

5 November – Year 6 Library Visit

6 November - Reception trip to Conkers

9 November – Own Clothes Cultural Day

13 November – Children in Need: wear a splash of yellow and cake sale 🧡

16 November – Anti-Bullying Day: wear odd socks 🧦

20 November – INSET Day – school closed to children

30 November to 3 December – Book Fair before and after school 📖

30 November – Year 6 trip to the Open Centre

December

8 December, 9.30am – KS2 Carols 🎄

8 December, 2.30pm – KS2 Carols 🎄

10 December, 2.30pm – KS1 Nativity ★

14 December, 2.30pm – EYFS Christmas Sing-Along 🎵

15 December, 11.00am – EYFS Christmas Sing-Along 🎵

15 December, 2.30pm – The Nest Christmas

💛 **Have a wonderful half term**

Finally, thank you again for your continued support, positivity and involvement in school life. We are incredibly proud of how hard our children have worked during this first half term and of everything they have achieved.

We hope all of our children and families enjoy a happy, safe and restful October half term, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term together.

Mrs Shipley

Principal

