

Dates for your diary

Monday 31st January
Chinese New Year Week

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Reception Chinese New
Year Assembly

Friday 18th February
End of Spring Term 1

Monday 28th February
Spring Term 2 Begins

Monday 28th February
Book week

Wednesday 2nd February
Y2 visit from Quirks Animal
Roadshow

Thursday 3rd March
World Book Day

Wednesday 16th March
Yr R visit to Rushall Farm

School News



This first full week back after the Christmas Break has been fantastic at Mrs Bland's. This week has demonstrated the changeability of the British weather with several mild days followed by ice and Frost! Please ensure your child has a hat and gloves in their bag as well as a warm coat each day, as we can never guarantee what the weather will do, but we do not let it stop our fun outside!



A plea to all parents please! We are running very low on spare socks and tights in school. If anyone is having a clear out, then we would appreciate donations of navy and grey socks and tights from nursery age, right up to year 2. Equally, if your child has borrowed any school items, can we please ask you to return them once washed. Thank you!



Since that start of term we have had reports of a stomach bug as well as chicken pox across the school. Please keep your eye out for any symptoms and remember to call each day to report your child absent. You can leave a voicemail if you choose the absence reporting option from the menu. Please do carry out LFD testing if your child is unwell. Several children this week who have complained of stomach ache and feeling tired, went on to test positive, despite not having the usual symptoms. To keep positive cases to a minimum, it would be really supportive to the school community to test children twice weekly.

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

PTA News

To see what you may have missed out on please visit the PTA on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/MrsBlandsPTA>

PTA AGM Dates - TBC

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or catch someone on the playground –

**Ben Ash, Laura Hooke,
Sian Killen, Charmaine
Kelly**

What a colourful week we have had in Little Acorns. The children have been busy learning the different colours that make up a rainbow, to help us we have begun to sing the 'Rainbow' song. Some children have been able to identify and name the colours independently- which is brilliant.

We have started to dive into the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children have enjoyed looking at the variety of colourful foods the caterpillar ate throughout the story.

During carpet time we looked at the real-life fruits, thinking about how they look and feel some children enjoyed printing in paints with the fruits- others enjoyed tasting them at snack time.

Outside the children went on a colour hunt, trying to see how many different colours they could spot.

Why not see how many colours you and your child can spot together over the weekend?

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

This week we have enjoyed learning about the 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' story, and thinking about the animals and colours in the story.

In maths, we have been practising counting with Numicon pieces and matching the coloured pieces together.

We have been learning about how rainbows are formed and the colours in the rainbow through the 'I Can Sing a Rainbow' song . See if your child can sing it with actions to this! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-i-can-sing-a-rainbow/zn3tqp3>

In outdoor learning, we made simple bird feeders with Cheerios, see if you can spot them when you walk past Nursery!

Maple and Beech class (Reception)

In Reception this week we have been learning the story of, 'The Little Red Hen' off by heart. Look on Seesaw for a recording of us telling the story. We have also labelled the characters and completed story maps for the story. We have started handwriting books with the children, every day they practice sitting correctly at a table to write the letter of the day.

In maths we have been working on our number bonds to 5, using songs such as 5 currant buns and 5 little speckled frogs. We have used the language 'more' and 'less' to compare amounts.

In RE we have talked about how people celebrate New Year and what a New Year's resolution is. In PSHE we have talked about stranger danger and staying safe online.

In Outdoor Learning we are beginning to learn how to tie knots.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

It's been another busy week in Year 1. As part of our new topic of 'Fairytale and Forests', we have been learning a script for 'Goldilocks and The Three Bears'. We have drawn a story map and used actions for key words throughout the story to strengthen our vocabulary and recall of the story. See if your child can teach the 'Pie Corbett' hand movements we learnt for the words: so, but, next, after that and meanwhile.

In maths, we have focused on recognition of numbers to 30, 50 or 100. We have used our knowledge of number order to complete missing numbers on number tracks, going forwards or backwards from various start points on the hundred square. Do challenge your children to recognise any numbers that they see in their environment, for example miles on road signs, weights on food packaging and ask them what comes next or before that number. To strengthen our understanding of written numerals e.g. 48 - we have learnt what the two separate digits represent, i.e. 4 tens and 8 ones. You may have been taught tens and units at school but we now call them tens and ones!

In computing, we have enjoyed learning to use the new Chromebooks (laptops). Ask your child to tell you about the 'magic badges' (QR codes) we used to log in. We would really like the children to practise their typing skills as much as possible, so if they have access to keyboards (or onscreen keyboards on devices) at home, please do get them to practise writing their names and some sentences. Those of you that are able and enjoy using PurpleMash at home, look out for a 'Goldilocks Wanted Poster To Do' that will be set on there for next week. This can be completed at home or school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Hazel and Rowan News (Year 2)

It has been another busy but exciting week in Year 2!

This week we have started our new history unit. We have started to learn about and compare the lives of three famous nurses throughout history; Florence Nightingale, Mary Seacole and Edith Cavell. We kicked off our topic with a visit from a nurse on Monday. The children prepared questions to ask and listened to a presentation all about what nursing is like today. As we move forward we will consider how nursing and hospitals have changed over time.

In maths, we have continued our learning about division, moving on to mental methods and making links to multiplication. The children have practised using their knowledge of the two, five and ten times tables to solve division problems.

In our writing lessons we have continued reading the Roald Dahl story 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. We have explored the text in detail, looking for information about each of the main characters and used this, plus our own ideas to write detailed character descriptions. The children really impressed us with their vocabulary choices!

What a busy week! We hope you have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees the children have enjoyed making funny faces with Mr. Potato Head! We have worked very hard at completing some jigsaw puzzles, the children did really well and concentrated and worked together to finish them. Lots of the children had fun using their imagination creating models with the Lego and Duplo.

Friend



Amelie Yr 1

Dinner Star



Jack Yr 1

Playtime



Dennis Yr R

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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The PTA

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