

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th March

Red Nose Day

Saturday 2nd April

Love your school day

9am to 3pm

Thursday 31st March

Parent consultations

5.30pm – 8pm

(See Parentmail)

Monday 4th April

Parent consultations

3.30pm – 6pm

(See Parentmail)

Thursday 7th April

9.30am Easter Assembly

Y1

Thursday 7th April

End of Spring Term 2 –

school closes at **1.45pm**

Friday 8th April

Inset day

Thursday 7th April –

Friday 22nd April

Easter Break

Monday 25th April

Start of Summer Term 1

School News

We have had a lovely week in school this week and it is nice to end with such a beautiful sunny day - long may it last! The children have really enjoyed taking part in the cake sale for Red Nose Day. Thank you to Year 2 and Miss Henly for organising this. We will let you know how much was raised in next week's Newsletter.



Reception Trip

This week our reception children visited Rushall Farm and had a soggy but wonderful time. Thank you to all of the parents that were able to help on the trip and to those that offered but were unable to assist in the end due to Covid-19 cases in the children.



Covid-19

Our teaching and support staff are still being hit with Covid-19 and we have cases in the children too across the school. We would therefore like to ask that **ALL children take an LFD test on Sunday evening** to ensure they are able to attend school on Monday. We are doing the best we can to ensure that the school and nursery settings remain open to all children and appreciate your support in this matter. A huge thank you to the staff that have been able to offer additional time and support this week to assist us and we would like to wish all our staff and children that are currently off, a speedy recovery.

Love your School

Saturday 2nd April, 9am – 3pm



In order to improve the use of the outdoor learning areas, we'd like some volunteers to assist in:

- Sanding and repaint the outdoor learning cabin
- Clear/tidy the pond
- General gardening

To offer assistance, whether an hour or more, please sign up via the office.

Refreshments provided!

Please sign up!

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>

Get in Touch via –

mrsblandspta@gmail.com

or catch someone on the playground –

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

This week in Little Acorns we have been busy reading the story 'Dear Zoo'. The children have been able to use mathematical language to describe some of the animals such as 'big, tall and small'. Some children were able to think about their own house pets and share with the group what animals they had in their house. We have begun to think about how we will sit in 'big nursery' and started to practise crossing our legs at story time.

The children have continued to practise control over their body with the weekly yoga sessions. This week we tried very hard to hold each pose for 3 seconds, which can be very tricky!

The children have started to notice a change in our garden – our tree is in bloom and pink blossom is floating over the grass. The children have been fascinated by the change. And we have talked about Spring and what changes happen when it comes. Maybe if you are out on a walk this weekend why not see if you and your little one can spot any signs of spring.

Acorn (Nursery am and pm)

This week we have continued to enjoy playing inside and outside and talking about caring for each other and being a good friend during circle time. In our 'Are eggs alive?' topic we have enjoyed the 'Farmer Duck' story, and learned all about farm animals. We have enjoyed watching our cress seeds grow and also our caterpillars - they are eating a lot and gradually getting bigger and bigger! We have talked about what is inside eggs and tested how we can protect them if they are dropped from a height - we tried 'wrapping them up' in cotton wool, paper, sand, sticks, water - have a look on Seesaw to see what happened when we dropped them!

Next week we will be learning about different creatures that lay eggs and also exploring the 'Rosie's Walk' story, and retelling the story with small world animals. In phonics we will be revising the s/a/t/p/i/n/m/d/g/o/c/k/e/u/r/h/f/b/l letter sounds and practising blending these sounds together to read words. We will also be learning about how we can record different numbers and amounts.

We will be doing Outdoor Learning every Wednesday if your child could wear old clothes and bring a waterproof coat and wellies. Please can you make sure all their uniform, coats and water bottles are named as it makes it much easier to find missing items! Thank you.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

In Reception this week we really enjoyed our first visit – to the farm. Despite the weather we loved the tractor ride, seeing lambs and sheep, feeding chickens, collecting eggs, walking through the woods collecting colours, pond dipping, playing bee and blue tit games. There are photos of our visit on Seesaw if you would like to see what we did.

In literacy we have read the Enormous turnip and have written sentences about our visit to the farm. In maths we have been looking at 3D shapes and patterns.

In outdoor learning we have started using the bow saw to make our own log dogs and wood circles. Beech class planted out some broad beans.

In PE we have been developing our hockey skills.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

Year 1 have had a really good week! In maths we have been learning about weight, and have really enjoyed baking cakes. We have also been learning about capacity, and have been filling different containers to see how much water they hold.

In English we have been learning about David Attenborough- who he is and why we learn about him in school. We have written fact files about him. In Science we have been thinking about animals which live in hot and cold places and how they are suited to their environment.

In Outdoor learning we have been weeding our raised beds and planting seeds in our outdoor kitchen garden. We are learning that connecting with nature is good for our well-being, and we always take some time to breathe deeply and listen to the sounds around us.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

We've been busy as always in Year 2 this week! In English, our activities are still based around *Into the Forest* by Anthony Browne. This week, the children are re-writing the story in their own words, thinking carefully about how they can use fantastic vocabulary to make their writing exciting and original. See if your child can retell their story to you and explain what changes they chose to make to some of the characters or plotline!

In maths, we're recapping addition and subtraction by using our knowledge of place value, number lines and dienes. Some children are even challenging themselves by learning how to add and subtract using column method for the first time. Well done to them all for showing such resilience when approaching challenging maths work!

We've also been very busy preparing and practicing our Red Nose Day assembly this week whilst learning all about the vital support the money raised on Red Nose Day can give to children across the world. We're really proud of all the children for working so hard to learn their lines and the song, and we hope everyone enjoyed Friday's cake sale. We will of course upload the assembly onto Seesaw so you can enjoy their performance too.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be continuing our topic on plants in science. We would love to plant some fruits and vegetables in our garden area that can be used in cooking later in the year. We would welcome any donations of seeds that would be easy for the children to grow; strawberries, beans, tomatoes etc. Thank you.

We are continuing to work through Blue Blyton's bundle this term with *Sir Linkalot*.

Thank you once again for your support during a challenging couple of weeks at school! Enjoy a relaxing weekend.

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

This week in Bumblebees the children have enjoyed building with the duplo. They have been working together to build some amazing creations. The children have enjoyed going back outside now we have more day light. We have been talking about the rules outside and where our boundary is.

Bumblebees Stars

Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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The PTA

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