

Dates for your diary

Remembrance Assembly

Led by Rowan class
11th November 9.30am

Beech Class Parent/Child Lunch

11th November 11.45am

Parent Consultation Evening

15th November 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Parent Consultation Evening

17th November 5.30pm – 8.00pm

Children in Need

Wear something spotty 18th
November

Children in Need Assembly

18th November
Led by School Council

Children in Need

Preloved sale (in school)

18th November

Children in Need

Cookie Sale after school

(main playground)
18th November 3.25pm

Y2 Parents Sats Information session

2nd December 9.10am via Teams
'Supporting your child through
SATS'

Christmas Performance Whoops-a-Daisy Angel

6th Dec 2.00pm (adults only)
8th Dec 9.30am (adults only)
9th Dec 9.30am (adults only)

Joint Carol Service with Garland Junior School

12th December 2.00pm

Performance club show

12th December 4.00pm
Parents of performance club
children only

Hexagon – Jack and the Beanstalk

13th December (whole school)

School News

This week Rowan Class have been busy selling poppies in support of the Royal British Legion. The Collection tin is very heavy, and we will let you know the grand total raised as soon as we have that information. They have also been working hard practicing for their assembly which Rowan Class parents were invited to join today. We hope you enjoyed it!



Beech class parents have also been invited in for lunch with their children (other classes will be invited throughout the year) and the children always look forward to sharing this part of their day with their parents/carers.

Accessing the site

A big thank you to all of you for accommodating the return to previous ways of accessing the site. As a reminder:

Little Acorns - entrance and exit will be through the small white gate onto Jordans Lane.

Reception Classes will be coming in via the small white gate on Jordans Lane (as you have been doing), but please exit via the green gate onto School Road (to the left of the school buildings as you face the Reception classes).

Year 1 and 2 - the pedestrian entrance and exit will be through the gate that opens onto Jordans Lane.

If you need to come to the school office please use the fenced off walkway (from the small white gate on Jordans Lane and then follow the buildings) as entrance and exit.

Next week

Looking forward to next week we have Parent Consultations and our Children in Need activities. Please remember to send your preloved items in by the end of the day next Tuesday (15th). Please make sure all items are clean and in good used condition so we can raise as much as possible for Children in Need! Thank you!



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 –

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or catch someone on the playground –

**Laura Hooke or
Charmaine Kelly**

Little Acorns Pre-Nursery

This week the children have been learning about nocturnal animals. We read the story 'A cold dark night'. Whilst we read the story, we thought about how to hold the book carefully and how we turn a page at a time. We discussed what we could see in the pictures throughout the story and tried to name as many animals as possible.

The children have enjoyed using puppets this week, it's been wonderful to hear lots of laughter in the nursery as they put their language skills into practice.

We have been busy making poppies for Remembrance Day, using our numbers skills to count wooden blocks that have been turned into towers and practising our threading skills using animal shapes.

We have a number of children to seem to be showing lots of interest in taking those next steps towards potty training! We would strongly advise you to encourage your little one to continue sitting on the toilet/potty at home over the weekend if they are showing signs.

Many thanks.

Acorns (Nursery am and pm)

This week in Acorns we have been making poppies to put on a wreath. We talked about why we have poppies and why celebrate Remembrance.

The children have been very good, joining in 'Big School' on Thursday morning for assembly!

In maths we have been doing careful counting, remembering to touch each item as we say a number.

In Literacy we have been looking at non-fiction books about nocturnal animals. We used the information to make homes for some of these animals in Outdoor Learning.

Maple and Beech News (Reception)

This week in Reception we have begun Phase 3 phonics. We learnt the sounds j, v, w, x, y and the tricky words 'he' and 'she'. We have put 'what's in the box' on Seesaw, which is a game you can play to help your child blend sounds together.

This week we have been learning about Guy Fawkes and fireworks night. We have been reading poems by Shirley Hughes and making lots of lists.

In maths, we have been focusing on the numbers 4 and 5 and how we can represent them in different ways.

We have made lots of different firework pictures, some with chalk, some inspired by Jackson Pollock art and some using Purple Mash.

We have made poppies and talked about their significance in Remembrance Sunday.

Reminder: please can you ensure that your child has spare socks in their bag. We have no socks in school and now the weather is turning wetter the children often need to change their socks during the day.

Birch and Cherry (Year 1)

For English this week, we retold the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears with actions and we wrote the start of the story. We also used our knowledge of the story to prepare and pose questions to our visitor: 'Baby Bear!'

In maths, we worked on our understanding of subtraction and we used pictures and other practical methods to solve subtraction problems. We learnt that if we know the two parts to make a whole through addition, we can then work out the related subtractions. We learnt that a whole minus a part is equal to the other part. E.g. $5+3=8$ so $8-3=5$ and $8-5=3$.

For computing / art this week, the children enjoyed creating abstract pictures in the style of the artist Piet Mondrian. They used the 'line and fill tools' to create black lines filled with blocks of red, blue and yellow (the Primary Colours). If you get chance to log on to PurpleMash at home, you will be able to see the work they created (as long as they managed to save it correctly!). In phonics, we have realised the need to recap phase 3 sounds before progressing with any more in phase 5. Therefore this week our focus sounds were: j, v, w, x, y, z/zz, qu and ch. We challenged some children to read and write more complex words and sentences.

Hazel and Rowan (Year 2)

Yet another busy week for Year 2! In English, we have continued our topic on poetry. We have been studying the poem 'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright. We talked about the amazing things we would put inside our own magic box and then wrote poems using adjectives and our senses to describe. Ask your child what special things they would put in their magic box.

In maths, we have been learning to add and subtract 2-digit numbers, crossing tens. We have used dienes to get used to the concept of exchanging ones and tens. This has been a tricky topic but the children have worked extremely hard and we are very proud of them.

In PSHE, we have been learning about the importance of Remembrance Day. We have discussed why poppies are used as a symbol of remembrance and created our own poppy wreaths. Rowan class were also busy rehearsing for their assembly all about remembrance which was shared with parents this morning - thank you to everyone who came to support the children.

Finally, in outdoor learning the children have thoroughly enjoyed creating and playing with their own musical instruments made from found materials. We have made drums, xylophones and even shakers using objects we found around school. The instruments will now be used in our 'recording studio' role play areas where the children will have the chance to create and record their own songs!

Breakfast Bees and Bumblebees

We have been busy making a collage of Pudsey Bear in preparation for Children in Need. We have also been very busy at the art table using 'How to Draw' books and making lassos and items for cowboys.

Bumblebees Stars

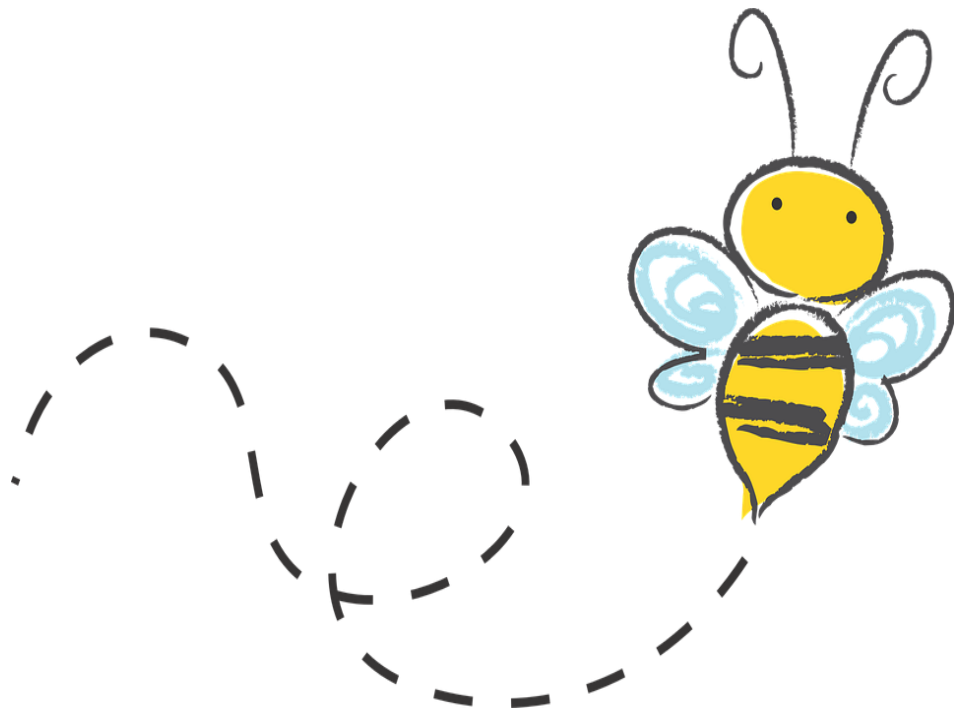
Friend



Dinner Star



Playtime



Whole School Stars

Star of the Week



Friendship Star



Playtime Star



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The PTA

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