



**Proud moments:**

**Acorn**

Acorn have had an amazing start to the new school year. Everyone has settled in beautifully to the new class and had lots of fun starting our topic 'All About Me'! We had made self-portraits with buttons and string in art, made our faces with fruit on pancakes and done lots of exploration in topic-themed sensory trays. Our first swim session was a bit hit as well, everyone loved getting in the pool and the children's confidence already seems to have grown a bit in that one session! Well done, you're all superstars Acorns!

**Apple**

Teddy for using a communication board and repeating the words as he pointed to what breakfast he wanted.

Lola for working hard during her physio swim and settling into her new class.

Reggie for sitting well in the hall and eating his dinner in his new school.

Sam for eating his first school dinner at his new school.

Ellie for settling well into her new class and building new friendships.

Katie for independent dressing at the swimming pool.

Hayden for settling well into his new class and helping with jobs.

Riley for having a great first week back and engaging with his peers.

Josh for great listening and walking to the swimming pool.

Nevaeh for settling well into her class and building new friendships.

**Willow**

WS - super first week back, settled well and enjoyed all activities.

JH - number forming, counting, and putting numbers into order.

JB - super settled, loving sensory activities.

AM - communicating beautifully when he needs a movement break by pressing his picture.

OD - exploring water and the outdoors with his peers.

TD - settling so beautifully into class and enjoying rebound therapy.

LC - talking and communicating beautifully.

**Beech**

Octavia has really enjoyed the Wonky donkey story and smiles and engages with it so well. She pre-empted the heehaws and laughs at my impressions.

Skye has been wonderful, she's hand fed herself and danced and smiled every day!

Charlie has transitioned into Beech class really well and walks around school beautifully. He's settling nicely and enjoys sorting and matching.

Lucas has settled really well and been a lovely and gentle friend. He communicates with staff really well and understanding changes and what they mean to him.

Reece has been really happy and engaged in activities and listens to staff. He uses kind hands when with his friends.

Dan has been his usual happy and smiley self. He has walked for staff when he has needed to, and he listens really well.

Tom has been very tired this week, but he has been very affectionate and has really come on from where he was at the beginning of the week with feeding himself.

**Ash**

MRTR, PL & SB for great signing our 10 signs this week.

GR for being so positive and joining in with everything so well.

KH for some super listening when building his bricks during the barrier games.

RL for settling into his new school and class so well.



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IK for working so hard during his scavenger hunt challenge.  
JH for some super science work.  
OC for working hard when building & making his own boat.  
PO for some great numeracy work & adapting to changes so well.  
WB for some wonderful PE, including great balancing & dribbling his football around the cones.

### Juniper

Ben for brilliant communication and expression all week, and engagement watching Newsround.  
Ed for great work in Art and in cookery learning how to juice.  
Logan for being with new pupils and adults and having a great week.  
Monty for settling into his new class perfectly.  
Seb for great independence in Art.  
Spencer for amazing positive attitude and putting 100% in.

### Sycamore

EGT - Fantastic reading to the class in Storytime.  
HLW - for being so brilliant settling into a new class, making friends and being really kind helping friends in class.  
SH - beautiful clear speech of parts of the face in our singing and signing session.  
CH - incredible dancing and singing in singing and signing.  
BB - amazing ball skills in our first game of Goalball.  
BW - fabulous work in cookery, practising cutting skills and being really independent tidying up.  
FB - really great contributions in our discussion about family in RSHE.  
RR - for leading a great game of tig with new friends and super hard work in maths counting in 2's.

### Larch

Alfie wrote a brilliant letter to himself regarding a personal target.  
Daniel worked hard during our Art session creating a Cave Painting.  
Lewis was brilliant at discussing healthy lifestyles during our PSHE session.  
Brogan has had an amazing week, he has engaged in all lessons and activities.  
Jake has had a great week; he has engaged well in all lessons and activities.  
Lucas has settled into class, and he has had a fantastic first week in school.  
William worked hard during our Art session creating a Cave Painting.  
Peter worked hard during our Art session creating a Cave Painting.  
Rosie persevered during our Maths session and she completed her work!  
Gracie has settled into class, and she has had a fantastic first week in school.  
Sarann has settled into class, and she has had a fantastic first week in school.  
Chloe worked hard during our Maths lesson completing her Place Value work.

### Blossom

Well done blossom class! 🌸 we are so proud of you!  
You've all settled in so well! You've come back to a lot of change and taken it all in 😊.  
This week you've had an amazing swimming session, fabulous looking in mirrors during our art session and showed your musical sides in our music session, thanks Ed!  
Blossoms star of the week is: Ivy for settling in so well.

### Holly

Lara for independent swimming.  
Duncan for settling into Holly class so well.  
Jonathan for signing 'good morning' back to staff.  
Faith for good artwork during Enterprise/careers.  
Courtney for independent living skills within the social skills room.  
Amie for listening during physio swim and working hard.



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Frankie for coming into her new class on her first day.  
Rebecca for good knife skills using the bridge hold during cooker.

### Cherry

Everyone in Cherry class has had a fantastic first week getting to know each other. It has been lovely to see you all back.

Special mentions go to our star of the week Ashleigh for doing lots of swimming, getting ready super-fast then walking Hugo back to school.

George for using his iPad to make choices and having a great session with Claire.

### Oak

JS for walking to the dinner hall with support and telling great jokes to his friends.

CW for being thoughtful and enthusiastic in all areas of the school day

KB and JLF for being great friends to everyone and having great ideas which benefit the whole class.

CM for her amazing confidence and taking part in the school council speech, voted our Deputy school councillor.

KG for amazing working in his physio session with Donna.

HG for her amazing speech for school council, we are so please with our new school councillor.

RW for her amazing skills using rhyming words.

RJ for excellent information recalling and a great attitude to work.

BT for settling so well into Oak class and working so hard.

BJ, JE and LH for taking on every challenge they are given and smashing it! Great work!

### Hazel

Everybody in class for settling back into school so well.

Everybody starting to use their iPad/ communication boards to express their needs and wants.

### Special Mentions

A special mention to Rubie this week. She was chosen to join a large crew on the Prolific with Ocean Youth Trust last week and had the most amazing time sailing from Southampton to Poole, anchoring out at sea most evenings. She is developing lots of her crew competency skills now on the boat and made lots of new friends and even saw dolphins! We are so proud of your independence and growing confidence Rubie!

### Emma's Proud Moments

All pupils for a brilliant return to school.

All of our new starters who've settled in so quickly.

Jake in Larch for being in class all week - this is a huge achievement for you & we're very proud!

Rubie in Oak for achieving so much over the summer & going sailing on your own. We are so, so proud of you.

### How can you help?

### Dates to remember:

**Harvest Festival Primary-** Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Oct- 2pm Parents welcome (*more info to follow*)

**Harvest Festival Secondary-**Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Oct- 2pm Parents welcome (*more info to follow*)

**Pupils break up for Oct half-** Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022

**Pupils return to school-** Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2022

**Christmas Fayre-** Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022

**Pupils break up for Christmas-** Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2022

**INSET day-** Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

**Pupils return to school-** Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023