



## WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 24

### Proud moments:

#### Acorn

What a fantastic first term we have had in Acorn class. Everyone has settled in beautifully and made us so proud! Shout-outs to:

Reggie for sitting beautifully to watch his friends perform in the Christmas concert

Avis for great water play in Forest Schools, taking an adult to the water butt when she wanted more

Bradley for making all the adults in class smile with his sense of humour

Lexi for beautiful interaction with a peer on the playground, playing chase with each other

P for brilliant mark making to create her star for the Christmas Performance

William for super 1:1 work with an adult, doing some colour sorting with different objects

Niamh for giving an adult lovely cuddle during rhyme time

Harry for brilliant playing with an adult on the equipment outside, taking it in turns

Carson for super 1:1 time with an adult, communicating when he wanted the tracks putting together for the cars to run along

Well done Acorn class! We hope you all have an amazing Christmas break and we can't wait to see you in the new year. From the Acorn team 😊

#### Apple

L - independently interacted with the Zones of Regulation display and put himself in the yellow zone for excited.

George - engaging in signing Good Morning and singing and signing to our weather song.

Kohan-Jack - clearly verbalising his sentence when asking for snack and not just relying on the communication board.

Teddy D - interacting with games on the whiteboard alongside a peer.

Henri - showed great confidence when serving customers at the Christmas Fayre.

Yanis - verbalised the word 'Wednesday' clearly when talking about what day it is.

Shey - dancing along to our Thank You song at the end of the day, showing his understanding of the words by performing the actions and signing 'thank you' at the end of the song.

Teddy C - regulated himself well to cope with changes during this last week, especially for dinners in the classroom on Thursday.

Dauids - super engagement across all activities in Art, moving around all activities positively when asked by an adult.

Maggie - improved transitions to and from Apple Class, showing that she is settling in really well!

#### Willow

The whole of Willow class have been incredible this term, and have made amazing progress! We are so proud of them.

Jared - Making some beautiful new friendships.

Charlie - Engaging in phonics, repeating lots of new words.

Eddie - Using full sentences to communicate with staff.

Eli - A wonderful visit to the community, really sensible walking.

Elliot - Touching different textures in sensory play independently.

A - Independently signing to different songs.

Olek - Amazing visit to the community.

Ardian - Tolerating new boundaries and expectations really well.

Sam - Talking to staff more independently, saying words and sentences in context.

#### Beech

Samuel - Amazing communication.

William - choosing activities from sensory diet independently.

Lucian - interacting with peers beautifully, playing with new toys.





## ALFRETON PARK SCHOOL

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Harrison - engaging in focused activities really well.  
Benjamin - coping with change really well.  
J - engaging in focused activities independently.  
Joshua - using full sentences to express his emotions.  
Tommy - using new symbols and communication boards to express wants and needs.

### Ash

Ilyess for his creativity when making his grinch calendar.  
Will for his super singing when practicing our Christmas song.  
Reece for super helping on our class stall at the Christmas fayre.  
Llan for engaging so well during our Christmas trip.  
Haydn for his great speech when addressing people by their first name.  
Parker for interacting so well with his peers during a water activity.  
Billy for super helping on our class stall at the Christmas fayre.  
Oscar for being brave when feeding the animals on our class trip.  
Reggie for his creativity when making a snowman.

### Juniper

Juniper class have all had a fantastic festive week, rounding up an amazing half term. Students have worked incredibly hard on communication skills, sensory diets, physical goals and participated in a variety of different experiences within our curriculum. We're so incredibly proud of how hard Juniper class have worked over the last half term and look forward to seeing everyone after the Christmas break!

### Sycamore

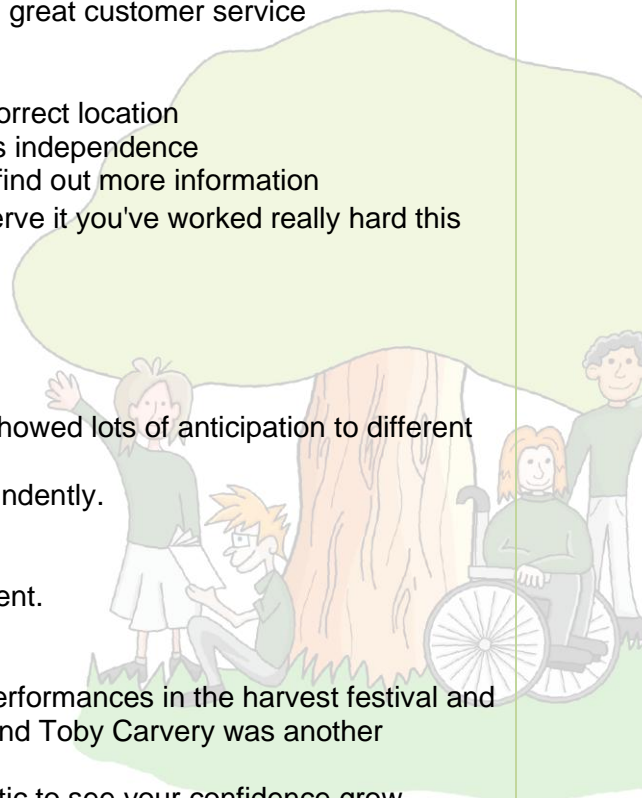
Bertie - for asking staff for items using full sentences  
Ed - for working hard at the 'Deer shack' with his friends and serving customers  
Ellie - for volunteering to work at the 'Deer shack' and providing great customer service  
Jack - for verbally asking for items without adult prompts  
Lola - for very clear communication and listening to instructions  
Seb - for following verbal instructions and putting items in the correct location  
Spencer - for letting us know his wants and needs regarding his independence  
Ben - for using his communication aid to ask staff questions to find out more information  
🌲 Have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy the rest, you all deserve it you've worked really hard this term 🌲

### Blossom

Asher- Great interaction with peers during our class swim.  
Killian- Great interaction with peers during our class swim.  
J- Really enjoyed our rebound therapy session this week and showed lots of anticipation to different movements being made by adult.  
Harry- Really good exploring of new areas within school independently.  
Teddy- Amazing participating in the school Christmas concert.  
L- Great practicing bench sitting this week.  
R- Brilliant one to one music session with Ed. Lots of engagement.

### Holly

Holly class have had so many proud moments this term. Our performances in the harvest festival and Christmas concert have been incredible. Our trip to the panto and Toby Carvery was another highlight.  
Ella has had an amazing first term at school, it has been fantastic to see your confidence grow.  
Max settled beautifully into his new class and has been getting himself ready for learning.  
Rosie has been a superstar at a number of different work experience placements.





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Leo you have become such a polite, hard working young man and are dealing with change so well now.

Sara has shown great independence during work experience at Darwin Forest.

Kian and Harry have wowed us with their solos during the Christmas performances.

Frankie has been on lots of trips out of school including the class trip where she was fantastic

Faith has shown great independence with personal care.

Sarah has settled well into a new class group and is increasing confidence.

Billy has been building confidence using Dereck and serving customers at the deer shed.

Jessie has been learning new skills during cooking and remembering them each week.

Chelsea has been learning the makaton signs of the day and using them to support her speech.

Lara has trying hard with her phonics and always knowing what is happening- reminding Katy everything she has forgotten!

Well done Holly class, we look forward to seeing you in January!

### Cherry

What a wonderful last week of 2024. We have kept to lessons as such this week with lots of different Christmas activities in between. We had a lovely time at the Christmas fair and selling items we made in class while the rest of class went swimming.

Amy and Jessica- Great work on our stall during the Christmas fair.

Courtney- Your brilliant dancing in PE using the different props.

Dan- Lovely swim session kicking on your back with staff.

Jake- Fantastic communication with staff letting us know what you need and want.

Nathan- Beautiful interactions with staff during swimming.

Liam- Nice swim session where you tried to swim on your back with staff.

Sharissa- Brilliant movement during PE and getting out of your wheelchair and then support yourself back into your class chair.

### Hazel

All the class for an amazing half term in class. 😊

### How can you help?

**Please note the remaining two INSET days for 2024/25 have changed to Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 25 and Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March 25.**

### Dates to remember:

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan- Christmas holidays**

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan- pupils back to school

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan- INSET Day**

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb- pupils break up

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb- Half Term**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb- pupils back to school

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March- INSET Day**

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April- pupils break up

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup> April- Mon 21<sup>st</sup> April- Easter Holidays**

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> April- pupils back to school

