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# **WEEKLY NEWS LETTER**

Friday 21st November 2025

## **Proud moments:**

#### Acorn

It's been another busy week in Acorns. Individual shout outs to:

Poppy W for super engagement in Dough Disco, copying along to all the actions

Mia for brilliant drumming in music

T for learning new signs along to our singing hands songs

P for great work in Understanding the World, exploring the different light toys

Brooklyn for great persistence with the pop-up toys, trying several times when it didn't pop up initially Rosie for beginning to copy some of the actions to the regular songs we have on in class, particularly jumping

Lexi for brilliant work making shadows in Understanding the World

Calvin for super exploration of the Forest Schools area, making himself a little den

Bradley for brilliant participation in PE

Freddie for using his hands to feel and make marks with the spices in the tray

Oscar for working hard on identifying his own picture in circle time

Well done Acorns!

# Apple

L for going to assembly!

Harry for lovely interactions with staff when engaging with a toy

George for great communication for snack time

Harrison for lovely talking in PE "ready steady, throw the ball!"

Theo for amazing listening in circle time

Teddy great phonics!

Yanis for great signing in morning routine

Henri for doing so well with eating his dinners

Reggie for great ball skills in PE and engaging so well with Adam

Carson for great throwing in in PE

#### Maple

Violet - walking around school with much more independence and not needing a buggy.

Phoebe - told an adult when she was hungry.

Bradley - was able to type the names of his peers in Maple class on his communication iPad.

Mason - taking an adult's hand to show them a toy that he wanted but couldn't get to himself.

Calvin - independently put his coat, bag and socks away in the cupboard on arrival at school.

J - has been showing more independence in using a spoon himself at lunchtime.

Oliver - walked beautifully into Alfreton town for the first time this week alongside some of his peers, he showed his super listening skills at all times and was a great role model to others.

Ashton - has done some super sitting with his peers during circle times.

A - has shown her super knowledge of different feelings and emotions through our daily Zones of Regulation check in.

## Willow

Harry - great communication skills

Jared - for being brave and riding a bike

AM - for great intensive interaction

Teddy - for settling in well into his new class

Zion - great cookery skills

AB - For great engagement in a tipping and pouring activity

Eli - for great use of the sensory circuits

Elliot - for great mark making



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#### Beech

J - using new words and phrases learnt during English

Tommy - being so resilient in riding his bike

William - settling into beech class beautifully

Reggie B - taking turns beautifully outside on the bikes

Reggie R - participating in maths beautifully

David's - requesting new items on his communication board

Niamh - saying new words alongside pictures

Ben - coming back into school beautifully after a long break

Samuel - walking beautifully to the park

Lavinia - giving staff lovely hugs

Billy - settling into beech class beautifully and understanding new boundaries

## Ash

PO - lovely choice making throughout the week, during lesson time, play time and songs! Well done!

GF - beautiful communication and interaction with peers during play time. Taking it in turns to push each other on the swing - beautiful!

EH - responding so positively to instructions given and engagement during Maths.

WR - positively requesting things to multiple staff members throughout the week and using beautiful manners.

ES - brilliant turn taking during Maths lesson, repeating the language that adult was using throughout the session when he was completely activities.

SK - lovely engagement during horticulture this week - he loved potting the plants independently!

MK - spending lots of time in class, engaging beautifully during our friendship potion session.

KJW - beautiful engagement during our English session this week - wonderful anticipation during our sensory story!

## **Juniper**

Juniper class have had a great week this week. They have enjoyed the big draw event we had on Wednesday; it was great to see so many different people in the hall. We had a great maths lesson this week learning about filling and pouring. In English this week we looked at sequencing section of our story or being able to interact with the different props from the story. We look forward to what we will be doing next week.

Charlie- Great work in PE this week throwing the ball into the net.

L- For saying the sound 's' and being able to throw the bean bag and ball underarm in a PE.

Nevaeh- Brilliant work telling us you wanted milk using your talker and using your fine motor skills to zip your coat up, well done.

Octavia- For lovely communication in class but also with your family when they came to the big draw event.

O- For great listening and tolerating more time in class without your ear defenders.

Riley- Fantastic work going into your stander for over 20 minutes, super star.

Reece- Lovely to see you interacting with your family during the big draw event.

Skye- For brilliant looking and making a choice during our phonics sessions and selecting the correct sound button.

Thomas- For great work in PE, you really wanted to keep hold of the bean bags but with staff support you were able to throw the bean bag a couple of times, well done!

### **Sycamore**

K- found and matched the Thursday symbol

Josh- told us all that he was "feeling so good today". Lovely communication.

Leo- Making great song choices and wonderful dancing!

Lucian- following instructions and putting milk carton in bin.

Oliver- for taking part in a beautiful attention autism session.

Harrison- for socialising with his peers more during outdoor play.



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Oscar- for settling into his new class so beautifully. It's lovely to have him with us.

William- For reading beautifully 1:1 and returning to class afterwards.

#### Larch

FB- Amazing swimming for a short time with no arm bands on.

SB- Amazing phonics and outstanding effort.

EBM- Fantastic effort in music.

CD- Amazing enthusiasm in the landmarks college trip.

WD- Fantastic singing in music when practising our Christmas songs.

JH- Being an amazing friend.

RH- Very helpful when asked to complete classroom tasks.

LK- Outstanding maths work.

PL- fantastic set designing & painting.

M- Amazing relationship building.

SP- Fantastic Landmarks trip.

LP- Outstanding phonics.

LR- Amazing confidence in gymnastics.

HT- Brilliant participation in big draw.

HLW- Fantastic self-regulation.

#### **Blossom**

AJ and IS for beautiful mark making in the Big Draw.

KJ for independently moving across the classroom to find his chair and get into it.

DR for settling into his new class really well and helping us all get to know him.

RB for great work in rebound therapy.

TN for engaging well and recognising photos of your peers in RE.

PR for great work in MATP practicing your skills.

RW for sharing a Sherborne session with the class and other pupils.

# Cherry

Logan for lovely planting in horticulture.

Ed for making great conversations on his AAC.

Harry for great physical work and ball skills in rebound.

Ella for lovely creativity in art.

Ben for great communication and physical work in dough disco.

Seb for amazing communication of colours on his AAC.

Sarah for hard work in horticulture.

Samuel for amazing communication.

Billy great signing in singing hands.

Chelsea for working hard on the Deer Shack.

## Holly

AN: Matched 4 different coins independently and a fab trip to community to buy cooking ingredients.

LS: Able to identify different peers by looking at their photos.

LB: Independently helped Lisa tidy the tables and chairs at the end of lunchtime and Lisa said: "I was proud

KB: Being kind to his friends in Holly class, helping them to tidy up and making a cuppa for everyone!

TW: Brilliant work experience visit to Teversal café and being our star of the week!

LWS: DofE work with Richard, mending bikes.

MH: Doing loads of jobs independently on the Deer Shack and really enjoying the Big Draw!

DE: Really enjoyed screen printing with Treg and doing the milk delivery!

LS: Taking part in the Big Draw and taking part in some of the lovely activities.

FL: Working with her friends in oak class and being chatty at lunchtime.

LO: Shopping in town and reading all the prices in TESCO!



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FS: Working with Matt in the garden class room.

#### Oak

Dan for some super work learning about online bus timetables in preparation for our public transport trip in a couple of weeks!

Alfie for showing excellent school values by joining a group at Landmarks to sing a song in preparation for their upcoming Christmas concert.

Ruby for showing great bravery by joining the class on a careers trip in preparation for the future.

B., for excellent skills when making an omelette as part of cookery!

Billy for showing dedication during his weekly maths lesson, ensuring he applied himself well with a 'can do' attitude.

Elian for excellent socialising skills with peers during break times, including joining them outside at the playground.

Ellie for showing excellent interest in the Farm and courses available at Landmarks.

Peter for excellent skills when working on public transport, identifying patterns within bus timetables. Logan for showing great interest in our Landmarks trip and thinking about what he would like to do when he leaves school.

Connor for great work during our Functional Skills work, recognising correct spellings of words.

#### Нать

Spencer – Completing a colour wheel in art with not too much support.

Lola – For being a great helper at cracking eggs open for our enterprise.

Monty – For correctly predicting that you will make orange when we mixed red and yellow paint together.

Amber – For beginning to independently move her chair into the circle at circles times and to the table for snack and work.

Ellie – For helping staff out with jobs that they need help with.

James – Beginning to sit on a chair in circle time with his class mates.

Jack – For amazing physio work over at the swimming pool.

Haydn – For engaging in every song in our morning routine on Friday.

Ruby – Amazing engagement in this week's art lesson, giving every activity a go.

#### Josie

Everybody for a wonderful day engaging with the Big Draw!

# How can you help?

# Dates to remember:

Tues 9th Dec- Elf Day- pupils are invited to dress as elves 😂

Wed 10th Dec- Whole school Christmas dinner & jumper day

Tues 16th Dec- 1.30-3pm- 'Friends of Alfreton Park' Christmas Fayre in school sports hall

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec- Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 26- Christmas Holidays- school closed to pupils

Mon 5th Jan 26- INSET Day- school closed to pupils