

WE'RE CARING, WE'RE BRAVE, WE AIM HIGH

WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Friday 17th October 2025

Proud moments:

Acorn

We've had another brilliant week in Acorns. Individual shout outs to:

Poppy W for being a rock and roll star in the music room on the drums

Mia for lovely engagement with our reading area

T for super effort with Makaton signing

P for brilliant mixing of the paints with the pipettes

Brooklyn for lovely exploration of the cause-and-effect toys

Rosie for great concentration, making different shapes in the shaving foam

Lexi for super persistence, stacking all the pegs together

Calvin for coming over to the adult during Dough Disco, initiating a turn to squeeze the dough

Bradley for building a lovely tower in our outdoor tray

Freddie for having a fantastic playtime, he took an adult's hand to show them he wanted to go to the ball pit then had lots of fun throwing the balls in and out of the ball pit

Well done Acorn class!

Apple

L and George for reading a story together

Yanis and Theo for playing a game together

Henri for working really hard in phonics

Teddy for using his communication boards each day to say what he wants or feels

Harrison for great cooking skills

Harry for a lovely interaction with Hugo

Reggie for engaging really well in English role play of a birthday party

Carson for doing some beautiful artwork

Maple

Avis - fantastic jumping and copying complicated moves in PE.

Violet - has had some beautiful interactions with staff this week during playtimes.

Phoebe - independently went to the snack communication board and said 'I want toast', pointing to the correct symbols as she spoke.

Bradley - trying some different activities without needing his iPad with him.

Mason - excellent transitions to the hall and back for PE on Wednesday.

J - showing an improved resilience to take part in some focus activities.

Oliver - beautiful engagement in our Understanding the World session on Tuesday, looking and engaging photos of himself as a baby and now.

Sammy - great climbing and jumping in PE.

Olek - independently going to an adult to request an interaction with them.

Willow

Zion - great eye contact during circle time

Eli - signing more

Sam - great matching of pictures in English when sequencing the story.

Harry - for using the I want sentence structure during snack.

William - great matching of pictures in English when sequencing the story.

AM- great matching of pictures in English, when sequencing the story.

AB - for great signing throughout the day.

Elliot - great independent threading during English.

Jared - great matching of pictures in English, when sequencing the story.



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Beech

J - amazing communication

Tommy - great independence during swimming

Leo - engaging beautifully during all activities

Reggie B - being so kind to staff

Reggie R - using signs to communicate

David's - interacting with staff beautifully

Niamh - engaging in all four stages of attention autism

Lavinia - sequencing English cards independently

Ben - listening beautifully to staff

Samuel - increasing attention during all activities

Ash

Another beautiful week in Ash class 🥞

WR - Beautiful exploration in Forest school and being so caring towards with wildlife!

EH - Fabulous interactions and participation during our role play session!

PO - Amazing intensive interaction with staff during sensory integration!

OC - Lovely turn taking during play skills with another pupil - just wonderful!

AB - Beautiful repeating of our school values during circle time!

ES - Beautifully communicating his wants and needs!

SK - Amazing participation during circle time - showing everyone his dance moves!

GF - Great listening and following instructions!

KJW - Great dancing with peers during going home songs - beautiful!

MK - Beautiful interactions with staff during role play!

Juniper

Juniper class have had another great week. We enjoyed our Maths session looking at making sets and finding the same. We enjoyed getting messy in attention autism with shaving foam and exploring birthdays as part of the session. We had a lovely RE session thinking about what promises we can make and try and keep.

Charlie- Lovely work in RE and attention autism, working with staff to complete a task.

Daniel- Brilliant work in the pool and going in your stander, you have increased the time in your stander, well done!

L- Fabulous work on your ILPs and your fine motor skills, keep going.

Nevaeh- Great work using your communication device to telling us you wanted your milk at snack. Octavia- For great focus and anticipation during attention autism, its great to see you so animated.

O- Great work during phonics looking at the different picture cards and then making a choice.

Riley- Brilliant work on your physical ILP lifting your head independently, keep up the good work. Reece- Brilliant work in attention autism shifting attention from the circle to table work.

Skye- Brilliant work during our RE session, looking at the choice then making a choice, well done.

Teddy- Brilliant work in RE making choices and then working on your physical ILP too.

Thomas- For great attention and focus during focus tasks, you are listening and making choices as per staff requestions, well done.

Larch

FB- fantastic contribution during science.

SB- Great perseverance in phonics.

EBM- Riding a horse independently, weaving through the cones.

CD- Being kind and gentle with the therapy dogs.

WD- Fantastic swimming lengths in the deep end.

JH- Guessing his number in a human number line.

RH- Fantastic effort in swimming.

GK- Motivated to compete the morning challenge.



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LK- Great comprehension work.

PL- working hard on his bowling.

M- Great drawing from memory.

SP- Beautiful and playful interaction with a younger peer.

LP- Beautiful kindness towards a younger peer during enrichment.

LR- Great recognising of verse and chorus in music.

HT- Beautiful kindness towards a younger peer in enrichment.

HLW- Fantastic swimming effort and amazing laps in the deep end.

Elm

William B – For persevering with tasks and not giving up

Billy S - for excellent independent Christmas card design

Llan – Great art and design for his Christmas card.

Reece L - Super skills in PE

Kenny H- For being the 'best' of friend to his buddies

Bertie D – For excellent joining in during PE, super-fast and great listening

George R- Helping in the Deer Shack showing a mature and trustworthy nature

Jorge N- For always giving things a go and super card design.

Archie W – for positivity and hard work especially when writing

Cleighton W-For being a good friend and helping others - especially in the play areas

Theo H – for great reading and comprehension skills

Rupert Mc – showing resilience in maths

Kaiden L – For showing kindness to others and making us smile with lovely messages and cards

Jacob P – For trying new experiences and helping with friends in class

Blossom

For the last full week of half term, we wanted to say how proud we are of all of Blossom class for settling in so well and managing changes. For some pupils that might have been a whole new school, a new class, or new adults and peers to get to know. All of the pupils have grown in confidence throughout this half term and we are so proud of the progress they are making!

Cherry

Logan for working hard on his physio in the pool

Ed for great effort during art

Harry for great perseverance when using his walking frame

Ella for super artwork

Ben for brilliant work in forest school

Seb for amazing sorting skills in maths

Sarah for fabulous communication during morning routine

Samuel for offering to help others at lunchtime

Billy for amazing space knowledge

Chelsea for great creativity during art

Holly

Sharissa H: Participating in MATP session and using equipment like a pro!

Max H- Great effort in the Deer Shack, being helpful and kind to customers.

AN: Community visit, buying food for our Halloween party

Lewis O: Putting his whole face under water to collect a pool toy at swimming

TW: Knowing her coins up to £2 and correctly matching them up!

Leo WS: Helping Alexa with jobs in the classroom, such as the washing up and tidying away

Liam S: Pointing to all of his classmate's photos when given their names

Frankie L: Art lesson making a spooky pumpkin for our party

FS: Joining in with a small group of peers for social time



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Dan E: Helping Matt in the garden with another class

Kain B: Joining in with Oak class and their jacket potatoes

Lewis B: Excellent engagement in a Maths lesson, focusing on a set task

Oak

Alfie for working super hard to make his own burgers during his cookery session!

Peter for his excellent progress at the gym, operating the barriers and lockers so confidently!

Logan for excellent work focusing on archery during the Willersley Castle residential!

Dan for his excellent work supporting during our Enterprise - carrying out so many tasks!

Ellie for being super confident and showing our school values of being brave by joining her peers on a residential trip!

Ruby for excellent work during our RSHE session on physical and emotional space.

B., for great work during our Maths session, showing determination to figure out so many numbers! Elian for some excellent work in our Maths counting lesson - spotting written numbers! Billy for great work during his weekly orchestra session!

Connor for excellent work when focusing on counting during our weekly Maths session.

How can you help?

Dates to remember:

Wed 22nd Oct- Halloween Party- Primary AM & Secondary PM Thurs 23rd and Fri 24th Oct- INSET Days- school closed to pupils

Mon 27th Oct to Fri 31st Oct- Half Term- school closed to pupils 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 22nd Dec- Fri 2nd Jan 26- Christmas Holidays- school closed to pupils

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

