



## WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025

### Proud moments:

#### Acorn

We've had a busy end to the half-term in Acorns. We particularly enjoyed the Halloween Disco.

Individual shout outs to:

Poppy W for brilliant engagement with our Halloween activities, mixing together the spread edible eyes and marshmallows to make a monster

Mia for working hard on her fine motor skills in Dough Disco

T for being super helpful, supporting to put away the toys at tidy up time

P for beautiful communication during snack, pointing to the communication board to tell an adult that it was yummy

Brooklyn for amazing increase in her confidence in the swimming pool throughout the half-term

Rosie for lovely balancing on the wobbleboard in PE

Lexi for fantastic exploration of our Halloween sensory trays

Calvin for reaching out to initiate more when playing with the stickle bricks with an adult

Bradley for being brave, climbing to the top of the climbing frame with adult support

Freddie for super communication, pulling an adult towards the interactive board to show them that he wanted the bubble background to 'pop the bubbles'

Oscar for brilliant work on his ILP, completing a short posting activity independently after initial modelling from an adult

Well done Acorn class for such a fantastic start to the school year, have a lovely half-term!

#### Apple

Apple Class has had a fantastic first half of the term! We are so proud of how well each child has settled into school. It's been wonderful to see new friendships forming and to watch the children embrace new routines and challenges. Well done, Apple Class – what an amazing start to the year!

#### Maple

For our final proud moments, we would like to say just how proud we are of all of our Maple pupils after our first half term together. They have settled so beautifully into their new class and, for some, their new school. Lots of lovely moments, building positive relationships, engaging with all adults who are supporting them in class and simply sharing lots of beautiful smiles. We cannot wait to do it all again after the half term!

#### Willow

Beautiful first half term, settling in and forming beautiful relationships with staff and peers! So proud of you willow class.

#### Beech

J - expressing different emotions independently

Tommy - Engaging beautifully during our culture day and asking questions to learn more

Leo - understanding boundaries and listening to instructions

Reggie B - Expressing where he would like to go on a school trip

Reggie R - beautiful interactions during bucket time

David's - using different symbols on the door to go to different places

Niamh - listening to adults beautifully

Ben - engaging in all four stages of attention autism

Samuel - engaging beautifully during sensory circuits





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### Ash

What a beautiful half term we have had Ash class! We've had such an amazing time throughout our first half term together, working incredibly hard and getting to know all our new friends! We've had lots of wonderful moments. We hope you all have a lovely half term break!

### Juniper

Our last few days of half term have been lots of fun celebrating Divali and Halloween.

O- great sensory play and using his nose to smell the scents during sensology

I- choosing his own colours during a colouring activity.

TD- great listening and following instructions during our divali activity table.

TDE- listening and concentrating throughout the whole sensology lesson very involved.

DR- great use of his hands and fingers during a messy painting activity creating rangoli patterns.

RJ- trying his best to move his fingers during a finger-painting activity.

RTC- great exploration and willing to interact during sensology.

CB- sitting with a peer for an activity and choosing different colours to draw a picture together.

N- great communication using her talking aid and explaining her feelings clear and with more confidence.

SH- participated in a lesson throughout. looking at the objects during sensology and exploring each sense.

OG- lots of laughing during bucket interreacting, singing and tapping her legs throughout.

### Sycamore

The whole class for an overall amazing week this week, socialising and engaging well with their peers. The whole of the sycamore team are so proud of you all for settling in so well. Well done everyone!

### Blossom

RW and TN for joining in with the Halloween disco, managing in a busy and different environment.

JAE for doing some great stretching in swimming and relaxing his body.

IS, AJ, and KJ for great work making marks with her hands in art.

RB for smiling in anticipation for different activities, especially horticulture and seeing the dogs.

### Cherry

We are so proud of everyone in Cherry class! You have all settled into your new class so well, worked so hard and made this first half term such fun. Well done and have a great holiday!

### Oak

Oak proud moments this week, go to all our learners for showing excellent levels of independence during our Public Transport trip. From locating the correct bus stand, to using Gold Cards, to sticking to a budget and ordering their own lunch. Some excellent life skills - which will only support them as they approach adulthood!

### Hazel

Amber - Joined the whole class in the hall for the Halloween disco

Ruby - was brave and joined in with something she normally wouldn't join in with

Spencer - Amazing physio swim this week

Ellie - Worked really hard on her Christmas card design by thinking about what she wanted it to look like

James- Joined in with class role play by having a go at what we were doing himself

Haydn - Sharing toys with other pupils in the class.

Monty - was able to identify which group had more and which group had less on the first go

Jack - When asked he verbalised how he was feeling instead of just using the communication board

Madison - Very helpful in horticulture looking after all of plants and caring for them

Lola - Cheered her friends on when they needed a little bit of motivation





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### How can you help?

#### Dates to remember:

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> and Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Oct- INSET Days- school closed to pupils**

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct- Half Term- school closed to pupils**

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec- Whole school Christmas dinner & jumper day**

**Tues 16<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 26- INSET Day- school closed to pupils**

