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WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Friday 14th November 2025

Proud moments:

Acorn

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

Poppy W for her creativity in art, making a brilliant snowflake with the paint

Mia for great work on her communication, making choices at snack times

T for super recall of the marching ants song, telling the adult what happens at each number

P for fantastic persistence, moving the counter in various ways when it got stuck in the TEACCH box Brooklyn for lovely exploration of some new cause and effect toys

Rosie for amazing communication, using vocalisations and physical gesture to gain an adults attention when she wanted support opening packets

Lexi for being a fantastic helper, setting out the chairs for circle time without any prompts

Calvin for seeking out interactions with lots of different adults in class, with lots of eye contact, smiles and vocalisations

Bradley for getting stuck into outdoor play, jumping in the big puddles

Freddie for beautiful communication, reaching out for his turn with the different materials in our winter Senseology session

Oscar for amazing recognition of pictures of key adults from class in our RE session Well done Acorns!

Maple

Avis - being so helpful to set up the chairs for circle time.

Violet - had a beautiful TACPAC session this week with Lauren.

Phoebe - doing so well in transitioning into school in a morning after a run around on the MUGA.

Bradley - great knowledge of heavy and light when exploring it in Maths, using his communication iPad to say whether an object was heavy or light.

Mason - it is lovely to see Mason settling so well into Maple Class, feeling less frustrated with the changes now that he recognises our routines.

Calvin - knowing when it is time for circle time and coming to join the circle, showing his readiness.

J - trying hard with loading potato onto a spoon at lunchtime.

Oliver - some great independent swimming in the pool this week.

Sammy - lovely engagement each day in our THRIVE time, which involves lots of bubbles!

Ashton - touching the rebound symbol when shown by adults to communicate that he is ready to go to the rebound room.

A - excellent focus on weighing in Maths, using the 'heavy' and 'light' symbol cards correctly.

Beech

J - using a sand timer to understand how to wait beautifully

Tommy - riding a bike without stabilisers

Leo - looking after his peers in the playground

Reggie B - fantastic English work, spelling new words

Reggie R - saying more during rebound

David's - beautiful interactions during bucket time

Niamh - participating in focused activities for longer periods of time

Ben - coming to the circle and brining his own chair for circle time without any demands

Samuel - naming all peers during zones of regulation

Lavinia - interacting with staff using kind hands and laughing whilst on the swing

Juniper

Juniper class have had a great week and they have all been super busy! We started the week with anti-bullying activities painting odd socks in art, we had Remembrance Day on Tuesday where we put out fine motor skills to the test to colour, and finger paint our poppies. It's also been 'ready steady



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read' week this week so we've been completing our D.E.A.R, had our class story 'Rubys worry', daily story to go home and reading 1:1 with pupils from a variety of books we have in school.

Charlie- For working so hard on your ILP; tolerating staff and peers in your space such as sofa and bench, well done.

L- For looking at family photos and responding to questions from staff, its certain how you feel about your family.

Nevaeh- Well done in music, you were able to identify the different musical instrument being played in different songs!

Octavia- Brilliant work in attention autism, you did all stages and came back to the circle to look at everyone's work. Well done!

O- For leaving your water play to follow verbal requests/instructions from staff, you are super! Riley- For going to London to the Royal Albert Hall to perform with people from around the country, you are a true rock star.

Reece- For tolerating teeth brushing with support from staff.

Skye- For great work in PE tracking and reaching out for the ball, keep up the great work.

Teddy- For lovely work in RE and understanding the world recognising your family and telling us how they made you feel, it's so nice to hear what you have to say.

Sycamore

Lucian - For choosing a story from the whiteboard and for saying "gingerbread man" during DEAR time and then returning to his seat

Harrison - For wonderful Remembrance Day art and applying the paint so thoughtfully Oliver- For super engagement in remembrance art. mixing the colours with hands and brushes Joshua- For great engagement in Remembrance Day activities and for soe lovely art work

Larch

FB- Amazing independent maths work.

SB- Fantastic Spanish!

EBM- Outstanding bravery and effort, by standing up and sharing her work with her peers.

CD- Fantastic Maths work, counting in 10's

WD- A consistently amazing work ethic during work experience.

JH- Amazing Maths work, counting independently in 10's.

RH- Fantastic work doing memory games.

LK- Outstanding effort in gymnastics.

PL- Fabulous work supporting his peers with his geography knowledge in Spanish.

M- Amazing length swimming.

SP- Fantastic effort swimming 30 lengths in the deep end.

LP- Outstanding participation in gymnastics.

LR- Amazing food group knowledge & continued hard work in every lesson.

HT- Brilliant work in the Deer shack!

HLW- Fantastic swimming, achieving 24 lengths in the deep end.

Elm

Billy S - Brilliant engineering skills working with Richard

Llan - Fabulous answers during English related to worries and feelings

Reece L - Brilliant engineering skills working with Richard

Kenny H- Great sentences during phonics - inventive and amusing

Bertie D – Excellent enthusiasm during swimming.

George R- Stunning swimming skills - think he might grow some gills!

Ilyess K - Excellent aiming in Bocca and PE.

Jorge N- For brilliant interview skills -showing how brave he is

Archie W – for excellent use of expressions in English



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Cleighton W- for working in class and advocating for himself

Theo H – for polite and engaging interview skills

Rupert Mc – being always looking out for others and being the kindest friend

Kaiden L – Working hard, going the extra mile in English, being a great reporter

Jacob P – For making Sam's socks fall off watching him swim like a shark!

Holly

LB: Engaging with the remembrance activities, showing great perseverance during the tasks.

MH: Had some lovely ideas about 'who helps us and why we wear poppies' as well as being helpful in class all week.

KB: During our Remembrance assembly, Kian read out a poem and was really confident on the microphone.

L Smith: Brilliant screen painting with Treg during art

LO: Creating lovely patterns with screen printing and excellent Maths skills while out in the community

TW: Work experience this week, interacting with the public, following instructions and being really helpful

LSW: Great community visit using the iPad

DE: Lovely visit to the garden centre and enjoyed looking at all of the plants and trees.

AN: Very successful trip to London, taking part in the Youth Proms and having an amazing experience!

FL: Great communication skills during a session with peers.

SH: Wonderful MTP session and physio work, as well as being our star of the week!

FS: Very well engaged during Sound bath session and interacting well.

Oak

Elian for some excellent support when cleaning the dining hall including stacking chairs and sweeping! As well as an excellent orchestra trip!

Ruby for being helpful and a great role model to peers from other classes during Jacket potato enterprise.

Dan for some excellent work recapping bus timetables but also beginning to introduce online timetables. Also, for a wonderful trip to United Cast Iron!

Billy T for 2 excellent trips this week, showing real interest at the RAF Museum, but also performing during the orchestra trip to London!

Ellie for some excellent work during phonics this week, attending sessions and engaging really well! Peter for demonstrating excellent knowledge and engagement levels during our trip to the RAF Museum for Remembrance Day.

Alfie for some super work during cookery, using a recipe and a variety of skills to make kebabs! Connor for some excellent work during our reading session, reading a magazine about Queen Elizabeth! Reading aloud and attempting some very challenging words!

Logan for an excellent first week at work experience developing some really important skills!

Hazel

James – Playing with another pupil in class for an extended period of time.

Lola – For amazing work moving herself around the room in her walked.

Ruby – For being an amazing helper in enterprise helping to make the jam tarts.

Jack – For being very vocal and communicating more using his voice.

Spencer – For great free movement in RSHE & English.

Ellie – For being such a kind friend this week.

Monty – For having a lovely time on the deer shack serving customers and helping staff.

Haydn – For using signs to communicate to other pupils who needed help.

Amber – For saying good morning when staff was going around individually saying good morning to each pupil



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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 22nd Dec- Fri 2nd Jan 26- Christmas Holidays- school closed to pupils Mon 5th Jan 26- INSET Day- school closed to pupils

