



**Proud moments:**

**Acorn**

As we come to the end of a wonderful half term, we wanted to take a moment to say just how incredibly proud we are of every single member of our Acorn class. The children have shown us how brave they are, how kind and caring they can be and amazed us with their resilience as they settled into their new learning space, with a new staff team and new peers. Change can feel big, especially at the start of a new chapter, but each of our little acorns has embraced it with smiles, curiosity and growing confidence.

We have loved sharing so many special and wonderful learning moments together. The children have approached each day with enthusiasm and a willingness to try their very best and that is something truly worth celebrating! Have a wonderful half-term Acorns!

**Conker**

Lexi - for increase in speech and interaction and forming the letter 'l' in write dance several times

Oscar - for joining his friends for snack and beautiful singing

Auran - for engaging in different areas of Forest schools

PH - aiming high using the adapted scissors to make a map of favourite places

Poppy W - for being so caring towards others and lovely musical map tracing

Bradley - for great listening and following instructions and super work with the adapted scissors

Leo - for engaging in all his work so well this week

Vincent - for great mark making in write dance and beautiful tracing of our musical maps

Elliot - such a big smile when seeing a picture of himself in his favourite chair

T - for a super obstacle course in Gymnastics and great map making

**Apple**

Harrison for following letters with his finger

Theo engaging well with the different animal habitats

George for being so brave

Tommy for learning names in class

Teddy for amazing phonics work

Henri and Yanis for using a communication board to say what part of the body are used for

Kohan for using the puppets so nicely

Reggie for a lovely horticulture session

Carson doing so well naming parts of animals

L for a lovely interaction with Hugo.

Harry for walking whist holding staff hands!

**Maple**

Avis - great engagement in Maths to explore the concept of partitioning a number of objects.

Violet - engaged beautifully with some 1:1 reading with Lisa.

Phoebe - being brave when watching stage 2 of attention autism to watch mentos and coke explosion.

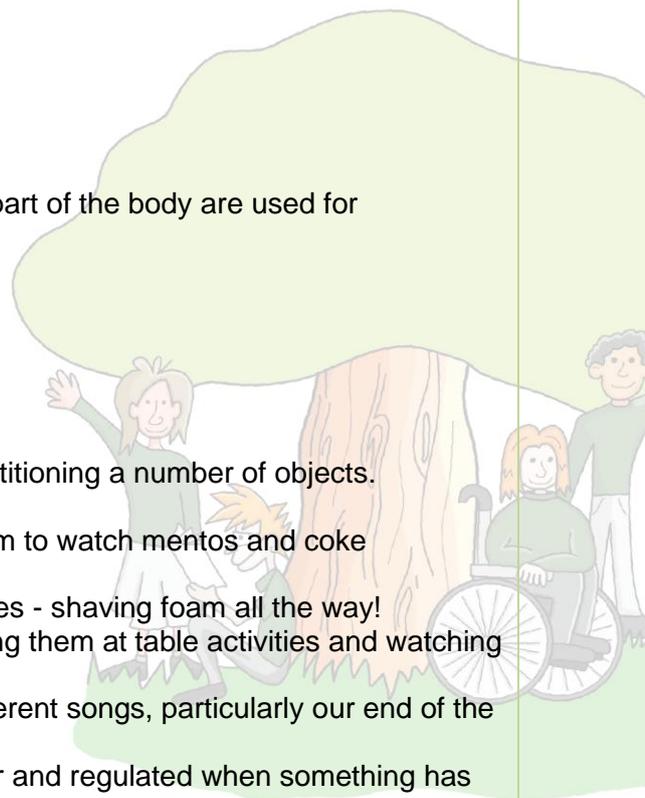
Calvin - independently engaging in messy play activities he loves - shaving foam all the way!

J - has had some lovely interactions with peers this week, joining them at table activities and watching others in their exploration play.

Oliver - has been making sounds in time with the rhythm of different songs, particularly our end of the day songs.

Sammy - accepting support from adults to help him feel happier and regulated when something has upset him.

Olek - independently explored the ducks in the water tray as part of our Understanding the World session all about what we find on a farm.





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Ashton - independently coming to join in with shaving foam splat as part of our Maths lesson to practise counting.

A - knowing our school values and always sharing them during our morning routines.

### Willow

AB - for exploring the community independently

AM - for self-regulating well and asking for his needs and wants met.

EK - for exploring the sensory room and forest school for the first time this year.

SC - for great communication, your verbal expressions are really coming along, your now answering questions as sentences rather than just words.

HP - For doing well in English and matching symbols together.

ZM - for demonstrating great peer interaction and social play.

TD - for demonstrating great peer interaction and social play.

JB - For using his communication board to express his wants and needs.

### Beech

J - fantastic communication to self-regulate

Tommy - being a super kind friend

William - amazing intensive interaction

Niamh - sitting through the whole of assembly

Reggie RK - amazing singing and signing some words

David's - transitioning beautifully this week

Lavinia - fantastic swimming on her back

Ben - amazing focus during understanding of the world

Samuel - listening beautifully

Reggie B - understanding waiting

Billy - engaging in all four stages of attention autism

### Ash

Shey - for doing great Makaton signing this week during morning songs! Also, great fine motor work writing the names of different animals with some staff support.

Parker - for making some really good choices and following instructions from staff, waiting for his turn to go to different places.

George - for having some lovely, funny peer and staff interactions this week - making the staff and students laugh! Also, for joining in with Lauren at the tuff tray and getting the animals in the right habitat.

Maggie - for transitioning around school calmly and following instructions.

Eddie - for sitting and doing some beautiful art work!

Willow - for being helpful getting the chairs ready for the lessons.

EH - for joining in all of PE and completing the full circuit and doing all of the warm up and cool down.

### Sycamore

OG - amazing work in English, putting the story pictures together in the correct order.

HV - gorgeous 1 to 1 reading.

JH- beautiful Fred talking sounds in 1 to 1 phonics session.

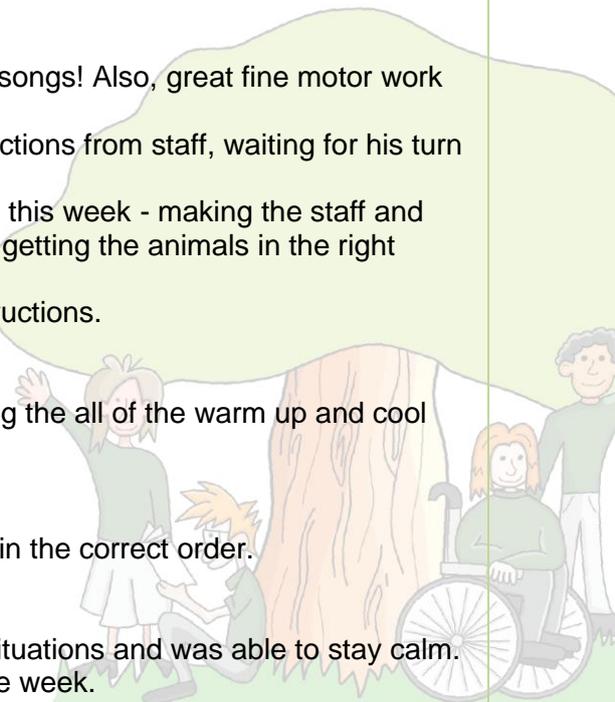
OC- on multiple occasions has taken himself away from difficult situations and was able to stay calm.

LC- has been engaged throughout multiple lessons throughout the week.

KB- an amazing work experience day at the farm and had worked really hard.

LT- sat in circle time in sycamore class and was engaged throughout.

WS- has been in class during circle time and had done some amazing English and maths work this week.





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### Blossom

We are very proud of everyone in Blossom class this week. Well done to:  
JAE for great lifting of his head when on his front, looking at the marks he made in the sensory tray during art.

KJ for good work sitting on a bench independently during circle time.

DR for great physio work rolling onto his tummy.

AJ for amazing vocalisations during our good afternoon song, very clearly copying the song.

IS for beautiful eye contact and smiles to show her favourite items during sensology.

PR for spending longer in his chair and completing activities while in it happily.

RW for great tolerance of sensory experiences during sensology.

RB for great choice making, looking towards images of what he would like to do.

### Holly

Max H: Being star of the week for his kind and caring nature and being a star out in the community

TW: Beautiful work with her colour matching dominos and joining in with Soundbath

Sharissa H: Engagement with her communication book and using it to order a snack!

Lewis O: Completing the swimming course at Alfreton and showing a huge improvement

Kian B: Taking part in a careers event with Oak class, and the Artisan baking session

Leo WS: Working hard in maths and remembering some coins when asked in the community

Amy N: Using signs to ask for items in class and for going to the Hydro pool with a peer

Lewis B: Being helpful with the chairs and tables every day with Lisa our midday

Dan E: Enjoying his weekly swimming session and pointing to himself on the register every day

Liam S: Taking part in daily walks to the community and listening to safety rules

Frankie L: Amazing visit to Ripley to the café and then to Sainsburys to look at ingredients for cooking

### Hazel

Spencer – For telling staff about his feelings and about the new dog he has at home.

Ellie – Good sound blending in phonics to create CVC words.

Jack – Great interaction in attention autism this week as he was focused the whole time.

Monty – Great engagement with his sensory diet this week.

Ruby – Adapting to changes in the class and requests given in class.

Haydn – Beautiful engagement and perseverance when engaging in problem solving activities.

Faith – For taking her ear defenders off more often.

James – For great engagement when identifying different animal body parts in understanding the world.

Amber – Engaging more independently in sensory play and sensory trays.

### How can you help?

### Dates to remember:

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Feb- Pupils break up for half term**

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Feb- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Feb- Feb half term- school closed to pupils**

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Feb- Reading at Alfreton Park Parent Workshop with Leanne & Laura- 9.30-10.30am

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March- Jetsetter Day in school- Wales

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March- World Wildlife Day

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March- STEAM Week

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March- Careers Week

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> March- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March- Shakespeare Week

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> March- Behaviour Training Parent Workshop with Belle





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