ALFRETON PARK SCHOOL
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WEEKLY NEWS LETTER **Friday 11th September 2026**

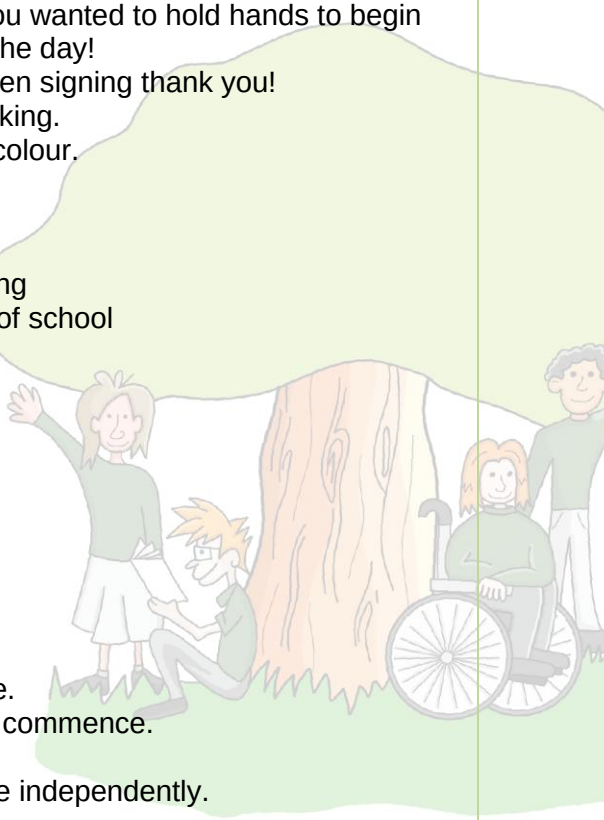
Proud moments:

Acorn
We are so proud of our Acorns and how they have settled in this week.
Brooklyn - Amazing hand leading to different areas within the class.
Calvin - Wonderful engagement and anticipation in Attention Autism.
Daisy - Wonderfully settling in to a new learning space with new peers and staff.
Elsie - Beautifully working alongside new pupils in favourite areas.
Freddie - Giving staff lots of cuddles and chases!
Harley - Beautifully sitting in the circle for morning routine songs.
Harry - Fantastic engagement during stage 1 of Attention Autism.
Locland - Wonderfully interacting with new peers in new surroundings.
Ollie - Coming straight into the classroom and sitting on 'yellow chair' without prompting - he had remembered our routine!
Rosie - Wonderful communication when asking for things to be opened at snack and lunchtimes.
Rupert - Lovely settling in this week and engaging wonderfully in stage 1 of Attention Autism.

Apple
HM an amazing physio appointment
CB for a lovely TacPac session you were so enjoyed with all the objects
RD for supercomputing work mark making on the screen, you were even able to change the colour!
TC listening so well when sharing with new pupils in class.
GC for saying Amys name so clearly.
OU for settling into his new class so well and exploring all the sensory trays in English independently
VB for settling in so well to a new class and having lovely interactions with new members of staff.
CW for growing independence on the stepping stone obstacles, you wanted to hold hands to begin with and then were very brave doing it on your own by the end of the day!
MNY for joining circle time so well listening to all the songs and even signing thank you!
JB for excellent computing work you were so engaged in mark making.
SS brilliant work on the iPad you worked so well on changing the colour.

Maple
Bradley- Using his tablet to make requests during snack time
L- Challenging herself with new sensory experiences during cooking
Maggie- Joining her friends for a phonics lesson on the first week of school
Yanis- Being super helpful around school
Henri- Settling really well into Maple Class
Kohan- Playing nicely with his friends in the Lego tray
Harrison- Beautiful singing during circle time
Oliver- Amazing work during English
A- Using lovely manners during lunch time
Phoebe- Coming straight into class from the taxi
Avis- Working really hard during our RSHE lesson

Beech
JH- communicating the school values confidently during circle time.
BS- Listening to an adult when he needed to wait for an activity to commence.
RL- Engaging with his peers during our sensory story.
WR- Her confidence in exploring the classroom learning landscape independently.
RB- Able to regulate his emotions quickly in tricky situations.
BF- responded well to a countdown to an activity finishing.
TH- Recognising his peers needs and always being caring.



OC- Able to regulate his emotions quickly in tricky situations.
LT- Able to transition to the dinner hall in 2 consecutive days.

Ash
Eli for amazing independence skills with putting his rubbish in the bin.
George for great retelling and role play during our RE lesson this week.
Parker for incredible listening to all adults and following lots of instructions.
Eddie for super enthusiasm during circle time and fantastic work throughout the week.
Tommy for amazing engagement during our Attention Autism, as well as a wonderful sense of humour.

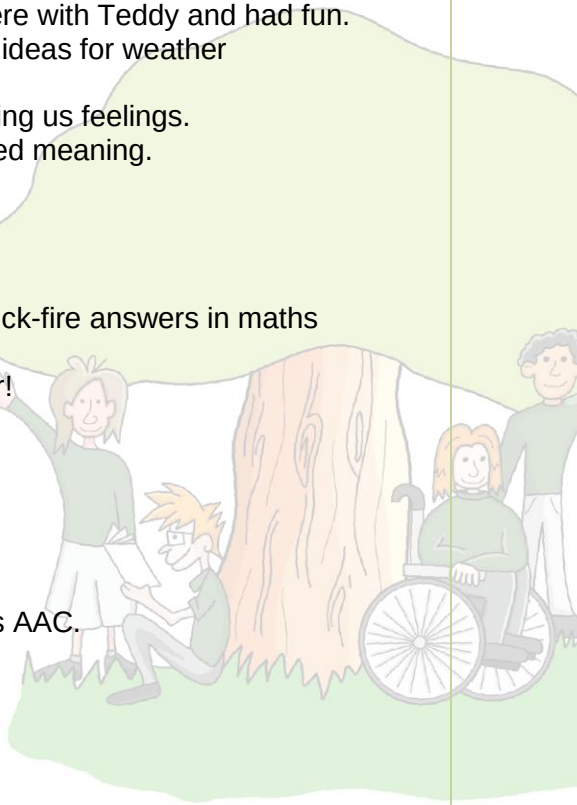
Sycamore
This week, we are incredibly proud of all our pupils in Sycamore Class for how well they have settled back into the school routines. We have spent this first week building relationships between pupils and staff, particularly with staff who are new to class and some who are new to school. During the week, we have experienced the fire alarm and pupils knew exactly where they needed to go along with showing bravery during a time that can be quite scary. It is lovely to be back together again and see what the new academic year brings to us in Sycamore Class.

Larch
Well done Larch class - what a great first week back. Everyone has settled in great and shown some amazing engagement with friends, staff and work. I have loved getting to know you all and can't wait for the year ahead 🙂 Keep on aiming high!

Elm
Dalton - Amazing start to school showing confidence and bravery - Well done
Will- Some super insight during English this week and interesting ideas linked to the book .
Bertie - We loved you pictures and how you could tell us that you were with Teddy and had fun.
Emeli - We loved your interpretation of the setting in English - super ideas for weather
Theo - You have been a super friend all week - Keep it up.
Kenny - Great ideas in RE and English - we loved your way of showing us feelings.
Ilyess - Amazing art work all week - some impressive work with added meaning.
Kaiden - Great detailed work and trying extra hard in all subjects.
Rupert - For working really hard in Maths on grouping 10's
Jorge - For joining in football and showing super enjoyment.
Jacob - for entertaining the staff and making us laugh lots this week.
George - For working really hard in every lesson - showing really quick-fire answers in maths
Llan - Super work in all subjects and great answers in English.
Alfie - For being super brave in your first week, you have been a star!

Blossom
The whole of Blossom Class in for settling so well this week

Cherry
Sam- For amazing communication in class to staff.
Monty- For doing a fantastic job of communicating his needs with his AAC.
Ruby- For being confident and speaking up in class.
Jack- For his lovely smiles and kindness to others.
Ella- For some great work in R.E.
Logan- For amazing communication with a staff member.
Riley- For some great work in R.E.
Skye- For getting in and out of the pool with support.
Spencer- For amazing driving skills in his new chair.



Lola- For lots of moving in the pool using both her arms and legs.

Holly

Holly Class have had a fantastic few days! We have been settling into our new class, getting to know our new staff and meeting our new pupils.
We have had lots of fun decorating our lockers and creating our very own timetables, helping everyone to feel settled and ready for the year ahead.
On Thursday, we were also lucky enough to enjoy a wonderful trip to the Level Centre. A huge thank you to our fantastic Ruth for organising such a lovely experience for us! We rounded off the week with a brilliant Friday, making it a great few days for Holly Class. It has been wonderful to see everyone settling in, making new connections and enjoying their time together.
Billy- Well done Billy for being so brave and being so helpful when staff had to do some training with you.
Ben- It was brilliant to see you asking your class mate what they would like for snack, you are so caring.
Chelsea- Well done for creating your own timetable and preserving when telling us what you wanted on your locker.
Ed- Fantastic work in the pool during your physio lesson and walking around our classroom.
Harry- Great work during our PHSE lesson looking at staff photos and putting them next to their jobs.
Jack- You have been so brave this week starting a new school but we wouldn't know it. Keep shining.
Lewis- Well done on our trip, you interacted with exhibition so well. Keep aiming high!
Liam- You have shown some really good listening skills, keep it up.
Seb- Some brilliant work using you talker to tell us what you wanted at snack time.
Sarah- Great work in creating your own timetable and being able to identify the different staff that work with you.
T- You have really shown how caring you can be, making hot drinks for your class mates at snack time and then sitting with them to help them use their communication device.

Oak

Alfie for a great ASDAN session thinking about do's and don'ts of how to respond to a risky situation.
Rosie for some great understanding during RSHE in which we looked at routines and thinking about our new school routine.
Dan for some excellent retention and recollection of understanding bus timetables to identify patterns and times.
Ellie for some great knowledge when demonstrating how to correctly signal a bus to ensure it stops.
Max for some excellent reading and understanding of his own timetable.
Kian for some super work identifying different pieces of fruit & veg as part of our Art session exploring veg heads.
Frankie for some excellent ICT skills when accessing different apps on the interactive whiteboard.
Elian for designing some super posters as part of our enterprise work.
Lucas for some super work when thinking about how he can stay safe when faced with a risky situation in the future.
Peter for some super retention of how to read and understand bus timetables.
Will for some excellent engagement and focus during our horticulture session, as we begin work on maintaining our sixth form site.
Billy for some super work in DofE, thinking about the different projects and focuses for this upcoming year.
Lewis for some super engagement during our horticulture session, supporting as we begin to focus on developing our sixth form site.
Connor for some great input during cookery, as well as skills whilst making an omelette.
B., for some excellent retention of how to correctly use equipment in the cookery room to successfully cook an omelette.

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Hazel
Faith – Has had a lovely first week and settled into her new class amazingly.
N – Did amazing on his first trip out to community.
Haydn – Has engaged really well with all of the changes and new pupils in his class.
Ellie – Is starting to make a beautiful friendship with one of the new pupils in our class.
Tyler – Has done really well at communicating his needs to others.
Amber – Has tolerated having new food placed up to her lips.
E - Has settled into class really well.
James – Has engaged really well in all activities this week and transitioned really well between different places in school.

Josie's
All pupils and staff for a great first week back to school 😳

How can you help?

Dates to remember:

Fri 23rd Oct 26- INSET Day
Mon 26th-Fri 30th Oct 26- Half term
Tues 15th Dec 26- 1.30-3pm- Friends of Alfreton Park Christmas Fayre
Mon 21st Dec 26- Fri 1st Jan 27- Christmas holidays
Mon 4th Jan 27- INSET Day