



WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Friday 17th April 2026

Proud moments:

Josie's

The whole school - every single pupil, the office team, the site team, the teaching team, the support staff team, the nurture team, the leadership team and the governors, for ensuring both days ran smoothly and for staying true to who we are, showing Ofsted what a magical place to be our school is.

Acorn

Wow! What a fabulous first week back after half term! We've had a brilliant week!

Brooklyn - For independently choosing to explore outdoor provision, all with a great big smile!

Harley - For amazing engagement during AA, completing a shared activity in stage 3!

Harry - For continuously kicking a ball independently during PE!

Calvin - For independently completing our animal piece puzzle!

Elsie - For engaging beautifully during intensive interaction with multiple staff across the week!

Ollie - For walking so beautifully to the minibus when it was late!

Freddie - For sitting beautifully during an entire circle time morning routine!

Rosie - For exploring our fine motor area and looking so intricately at our new ladybirds!

Mia - For participating so beautifully during our phonics sessions with the letter S!

Conker

Auran - for eating a fromage frais at snack time!

Lexi - for super animal sounds and signs, and for great independent turn taking with a peer

Poppy W - for beautifully writing Happy birthday

T - for a really lovely RE lesson, welcoming a baby - practising a Christening, singing and taking care of the baby doll

Oscar - for amazing concentration creating with Duplo and doing jigsaws

Elliot - for building relationships and playing so nicely with a pupil from another class

PH - for a wonderful trip to the library and choosing a book

Apple

Teddy for great communication with staff when needing quiet time from class you used the board independently!

Henri for a great forest schools' session you independently explored so many stations

Kohan for listening and following all the instructions to make a cup of tea

Yanis for amazing 1-1 phonics you stayed engaged for so long and remembered the new sounds when we were in group!

Theo for great engagement in story time listening to "giraffes can't dance" you loved the story and didn't take your eyes off the book!

Harrison for identifying Big Ben straight away when it came onto the board!

George for exploring the number blocks in maths you built the numbers in so many different ways!

Tommy being so engaged in RSHE labelling body parts, you loved being drawn around

Carson for excellent maths you were so engaged with counting and matching all the numbers.

Reggie for great engagement in rhythm and rhyme time showing anticipation for your turn to stomp and wiggle!

L for singing happy birthday to Angela

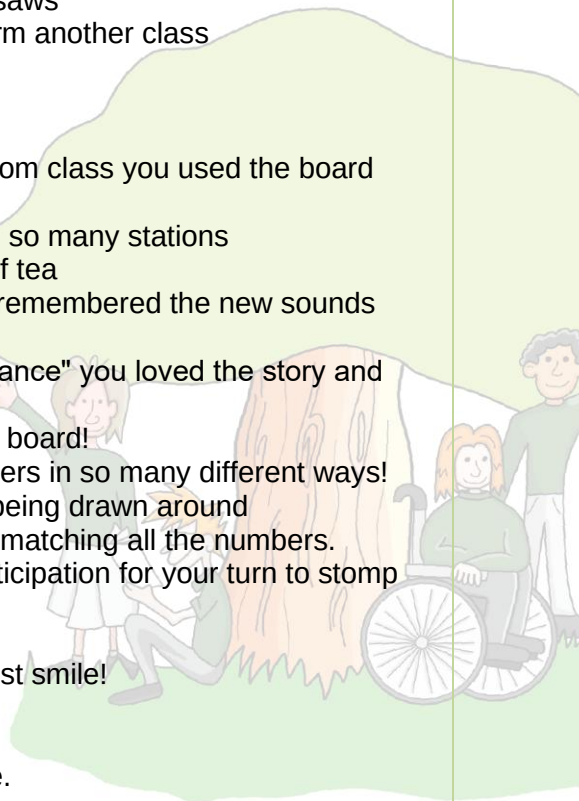
Harry for going down the slide on the playground, you had the biggest smile!

Maple

Avis- For vocalising the word 'catch' when playing with a ball outside.

Violet- For settling back into routines really well after the holidays.

Phoebe- For great walking in from the bus in the morning, waiting at the zebra crossing and putting her hand up to say thank you.





ALFRETON PARK SCHOOL

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

Bradley- For independently playing musical statues during PE and standing still.
Mason- For playing well with a peer in the playground.
Calvin- For forming a great relationship with our PE coach and showing this during our lesson.
J- For showing lovely excitement coming back to school after the holidays.
Oliver- For good work in PE travelling around the hall at different speeds.
Sammy- For great work in maths, paying attention as the adult modelled counted skittles and then bowled them over.
Olek- For lovely interactions with a peer when playing on the drums in the playground.
Ashton- For brilliant turn taking with an adult using a musical instrument.

Willow

A - great participation in a maths activity counting to three.
Elliot - great sitting and building on his readiness to learn.
Ardian - great maths skills matching numerals to objects.
Sam - great maths matching numerals to objects to the spelling of the number.
Zion - great exploration of the learning landscape
Eli - great RSHE work, making a great sentence about what makes us unique.
Teddy - great RSHE work identifying what some of our unique features are.
Well done willow class what a great first week back.

Beech

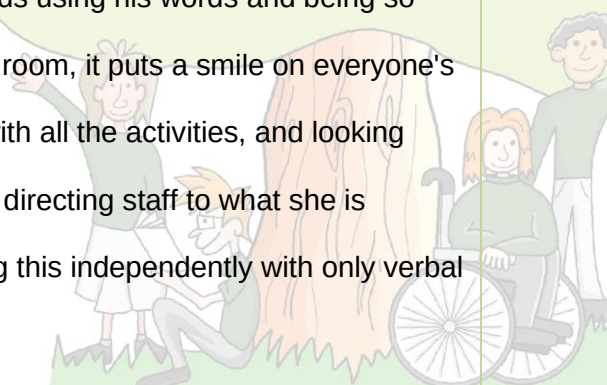
J - asking peers politely to be quiet to self-regulate
Reggie B - beautiful interactions with staff
Tommy - amazing one to one work during English answering blank level 3 question
Leo - self-regulating by going outside when he doesn't like something and asking for an adult for a conversation
Ben - understanding that he cannot have the first choice all the time
Samuel - participating beautifully in the sensory story and exploring all the objects
Lavinia - trying new foods
Billy - having beautiful conversation with peers and encouraging them to take turns

Mulberry

Leo for having such lovely interactions with his peers, communicating all week long and coming into the classroom and exploring independently!
Harry but having such a lovely English lesson, engaging with all activities, and independently exploring the sensory trays.
William for communicating well with staff about his wants and needs using his words and being so patient.
DL for being his happy self and bringing his brilliant laugh into the room, it puts a smile on everyone's face!
Vincent for a wonderful English lesson, sitting so well, engaging with all the activities, and looking fantastic in your glasses and hat!
Niamh for doing so well at communicating her sensory needs and directing staff to what she is wanting and using the symbols around the room.
RRK for communicating using the symbols at circle time and doing this independently with only verbal prompts, well done!

Ash

Well done to the whole of Ash class - what a FANTASTIC first week back in class!
EH - for engaging brilliantly with our Art session this week and getting very messy!
Shey - for doing lots of speaking this week, it has been lovely to hear your voice singing the morning song!
Parker - for being really kind with his words this week and sharing what makes him happy.





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George - for remembering our class rights and reading these perfectly each day. Also, for making the class playdoh each day for doh-disco!

Willow - for being super helpful this week and having really good listening skills - getting lots of stickers. Well done for also trying school dinners this week Willow!

Eddie - for accessing lots of the sensory trays this week and accepting staff help with balancing.

Maggie - for transitioning around the school doing jobs with staff and spending some time back in Ash class after a long 2 weeks off.

Juniper

Juniper class have had a great first week back after the half term. We are certainly well rested and ready to go this term. Some of juniper class had their final horse-riding session this week and it went so well, well done for aiming high and being brave. We have started our new book for the term 'Anna Hibiscus song'. Pupils did really well matching item from the story to real items, pictures and words. We had a lovely forest school session too. Music was lovely seeing pupils choose and responded to music, seeing how it made them feel and if they could hear different musical instruments.

Charlie- Lovely work in English, matching the different words and pictures.

Jared- Well done taking part in our English tea party for understanding the world and showing some good listening skills during our English lesson.

L- Brilliant horse riding this week, well done.

Nevaeh- Great work in music and working on your ILPs, even got you giggling while doing them! Keep up the good work.

Octavia- Well done in music telling us how the music made you feel, you certainly have some favourite songs.

O- Well done on going on the horse this week at horse riding, showing our schools value 'we're brave'.

Riley- Well done in your physical review, you worked so hard, keep aiming aim!

Reece- Great work on your ILP walking independently with minimal prompts.

Skye- Great work in phonics, keep it up.

Thomas- Well done taking part in our English tea party for understanding the world.

Sycamore

WS - with one verbal prompt, was able to communicate his wants to go outside using the symbols.

LC - a beautiful social interaction with a pupil from Acorn Class on the slide in the playground.

KB - building wonderful relationships with peers and staff at Matlock Farm Park during work experience.

OG - shared our school values beautifully during morning circle time.

JH - asking staff for a handshake, something we have been working on with J.

HV - some great regulation this week, initially supported by adults then self-regulation.

OC - excellent sentence building to describe what can be seen on the front cover of our new focus text in English.

Elm

William B – for an excellent castle building skills and showing historical knowledge.

Llan – For great recall in history this week talking about the past.

Reece L - For working really hard in Maths this week, producing number lines in and outside

Kenny H– For super note taking in history, and great recall of facts

Bertie D – A great castle build this week with two turrets!

George R– Excellent recall of facts in History showing those higher-level thinking skills

Ilyess K - For being brave even when your best friend was not here to work with

Jorge N– For showing enthusiasm in learning and expressing answers well

Theo H – for working hard during History and recalling facts well

Rupert Mc – For great castle dungeon building, great partner work

Kaiden L – For super note taking in history, and great recall of facts

Jacob P – Excellent castle building skills with a portcullis and super facts to match





Blossom

RB- Amazing engagement in or maths lesson- reaching for and pressing the sound button independently.

AJ- Super engagement in sensory story- exploring the props using all of her senses.

DR- For using the "more" sound button at snack time.

IS- Amazing engagement in rebound- lots and lots of smiles!

KJ- Super work in orchestra with Ed and for climbing onto the changing bed independently.

PR- Fantastic sit to stand using the bench. Great work!

JAE-lovely interactions during our sensory story.

RW- For having a lovely, relaxed time in the rebound room.

Holly

TW: Brilliant engagement in her work experience visit to Tevesal Café, working really hard and making everyone smile

Max H: Enjoying his trip to IKEA and being really helpful picking out equipment for the post 16 building

Kian B: Being a superstar at IKEA, and selecting the correct coin needed to buy his doughnut!

Lewis O: Going to his work experience at Barnardos and really enjoying himself.

Ruby T: Being a caring friend and supporting a peer during a trip to the community.

Leo WS: Showing the school values all week, aiming high and answering lots of questions in class!

Sharissa H: Being our star of the week for her excellent trips to the community.

Liam S: Really enjoying his swimming sessions this week, and a horticulture lesson with Matt

Dan E: Being a superstar helping Lisa F with the tables in the hall, moving chairs etc!

Amy N: Loving IKEA, looking at all the cuddly toys and fairy lights!

Oak

Ellie for having a super time at Ikea, collecting lots of important items such as kitchen equipment for our new building!

Frankie for a great trip to Ikea! Purchasing lots of important things for the new sixth form building!

Logan for some great engagement during our trip to see Macbeth!

Elian for following the action so closely during our trip to see Macbeth!

Peter for some excellent work during our travel training session, planning a public transport trip to Matlock.

Dan for some excellent work on time, considering this to the minute!

Billy for some excellent work recalling all the upcoming events after plotting them on the calendar!

Connor for some excellent work during our Maths sessions recapping some of the questions from the mock exams!

Alfie for some excellent multitasking whilst at work experience - setting timers, cooking and lots more!

B., for some super work during the Tough Rower event and personal care session afterwards!

How can you help?

Dates to remember:

Mon 20th- Fri 24th April- Careers Week

Wed 22nd April- Earth Day

Wed 22nd April- Formal classes Parent Phonics Workshop with Leanne- 9.30-10.30am

Fri 24th April- Growing Futures Café Morning with Peter- 9.30-11.30am

Mon 27th April-Fri 1st May- National Gardening Week

Thurs 30th April- RE Day- Wesak

Mon 4th May- Bank holiday

Thurs 14th May- Annual Farmers Market- 1.30-3.30pm