



WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

Friday 12th June 2026

Proud moments:

Acorn

Brooklyn - for amazing effort during your independent eating skills and using your spoon independently!

Calvin - for amazing engagement during English and copying adult to make a monkey sound!

Elsie - for responding so well to familiar transition queues!

Ollie - for lovely use of photos and symbols to make requests!

Freddie - for wonderful interactions with different members of the Acorn team throughout the week!

Rosie - for taking adults hands and leading them to where she wants to multiple times and communicating more!

Mia - for independently exploring and playing with our learning landscape provision and engaging with it beautifully!

Harry - for fantastic engagement during our circle time throughout the week!

Harley - for an amazing independent effort in dough disco all week!

Conker

Auran for lots of lovely vocalisation and signing please

Troy for being a supportive friend and being so proud of his peers when they achieved star of the week

P for great choosing when we were reading nursery rhymes

Poppy W for brilliant reading and answering comprehension questions

Lexi for beautiful work making musical marks on the iPad

Bradley for brilliant maths making groups of 1, 2, and 3 and great messy hand painting to decorate an African mask

Elliot for super engagement making marks to music

Oscar for wonderful mark making of shapes in shaving foam and super engagement rescuing the sea creatures from the ice

Maple

Avis for taking an adult's hand and leading them to the cupboard to request food colouring and water play to create some mixtures and potions!

Violet for brilliant engagement in music, really enjoying the sound of the rain drum and making sound with it independently.

Phoebe for an amazing first week at horse riding, being so brave and getting on the horse and using her voice to ask the horse to walk on.

Bradley for independently creating full sentences on his iPad to say 'I want colouring game'.

Mason for working on his motor skills wonderfully in PE, throwing and catching a ball with an adult.

Calvin for showing us how much he loves swimming and moving across the pool independently.

JJ for being adventurous and trying different foods throughout the week.

Oliver and A for being brave and going to horse riding for the first time, although they didn't get onto the horses, they were so brave in going to a new place!

Sammy and Olek for listening closely to all of the instruments in our music lesson and showing their preferences.

Ashton for great sharing of an activity in PE, rolling the hoop back and forth with an adult.

Beech

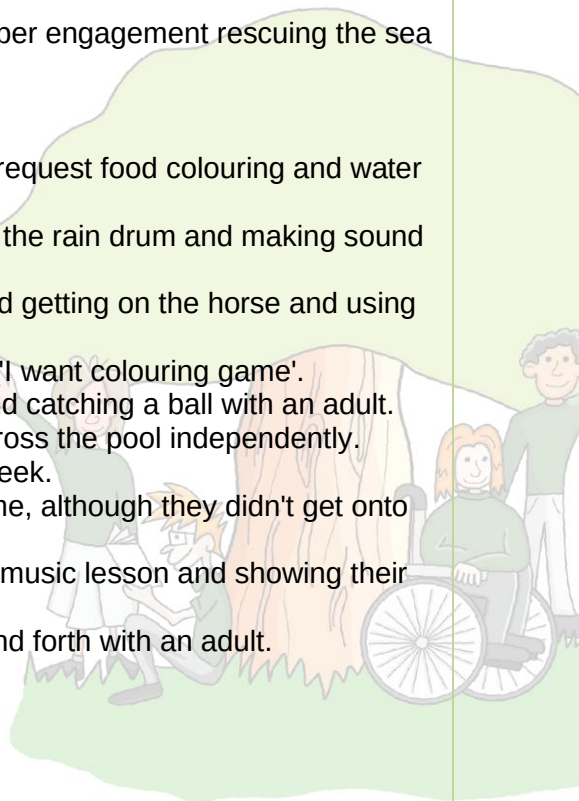
J - Beautiful manners

Tommy - fantastic RSHE work

Reggie - demon staring all of our school values during attention autism

Samuel - Trying new foods

Ben - beautiful interactions during intensive interaction sessions





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Billy - For being super brave going on an aeroplane
Lavinia - For fantastic attention autism session
Leo - for being super kind to his peers

Mulberry

HP- for forming sounds and doing his best to form words to communicate with staff- amazing!
WH- for great engagement in lessons this week, it's been wonderful to see.
VM- your engagement in English, it was so lovely and helping by involving yourself in the story was so nice.
NW- great communication with staff of your wants and needs throughout the week.
LM- for a such a lovely day on Thursday, a happy boy all day and interacting with unfamiliar faces was beautiful to see at swimming.
DL- your interactions with others this week has been lovely to see.
RRK- great self-regulation throughout the wee using the sensory equipment around the classroom.

Ash

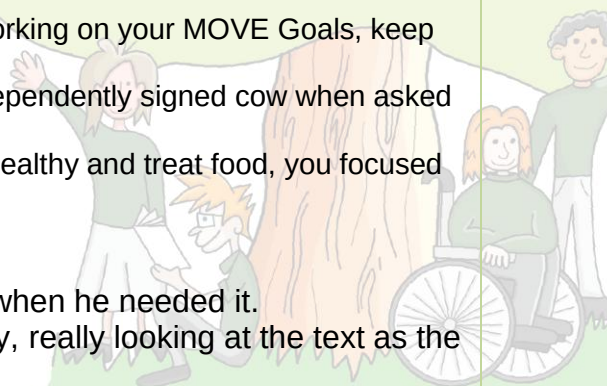
Shey - for doing fabulous work in Maths this week, exploring all of the trays and tasks with staff.
Maggie - for some lovely writing in RSHE this week.
Willow - for being brave and wearing new items for swimming this week - well done Willow!
George - for requesting the toilet with staff this week!
Parker - thank you for being so helpful and kind this week setting up the dinner hall for students to use.

Juniper

Juniper class have had a great week this week. In English this week we enjoyed our sensory story looking at the different fruits Handa was taking to her friend. In understanding the world pupils loved using the blender to make a smoothie, some weren't so sure when trying the fruit but some were super brave trying it and smelling it well done for showing our school values.
Charlie- Well done for being so brave this week and for working hard on your ILPs.
Jared- You've done amazingly this week after a tricky weekend. Its lovely to see you so happy.
L and Thomas - Well done for when you went on a trip with lots of new people, you coped so well.
Nevaeh- Well done for working with new staff so positively, laughing and smiling while completing your work.
Octavia- Great work in phonics this week recognising the letter k and picture card kangaroo, keep aiming high.
O- Great listening to staff, you have come on so much when being asked to leave a preferred activity.
Riley- Well done for going in your stander for over 45 mins and working on your MOVE Goals, keep aiming high.
Reece- Well done for your great work in music this week, you independently signed cow when asked what animal you wanted in the song old McDonald had a farm.
Skye- Well done in our understanding the world topic finding the healthy and treat food, you focused so well, well done.

Sycamore

WS - had a lovely day with Kiri on Tuesday, asking for help when he needed it.
HV - lovely focus in English when adult was reading the story, really looking at the text as the story was displayed on the whiteboard.
LC - super walk back to class from the playground at the end of lunchtime.
OC - excellent number bond knowledge, showing his retrieval skills after practising the activity over a few weeks.
OG - beautiful self-regulation on the swing this week.





KB - super counting this week, we have been focusing on clearly counting 1-3 and knowing what this looks like.

JH - great engagement in PE this week - asking Jamie, our sports coach, to join in with him.

Elm

William B – For showing super enthusiasm for reading and using this a super self-regulation tool

Llan – For a wonderful painting of a Derbyshire Valley

Reece L - A great support in class caring for the environment and other children.

Kenny H– For excellent work in PE with Jamie, working as a team to get to the other side of the hall without touching the floor.

Bertie D – For super engagement during PE using the blaster air canons working alongside a peer.

George R– For excellent work in PE with Jamie, working as a team to get to the other side of the hall without touching the floor.

Ilyess K - For working really hard during the new phonics group.

Jorge N– For really super engagement during Geography as we learnt about Derbyshire.

Emeli - For super engagement during PE using the blaster air canons working alongside a peer.

Theo H – For working and engaging with a friend in lesson and at play. Supporting each other.

Rupert Mc – For showing independence in class and politely advocating for himself

Kaiden L – For excellent work in PE with Jamie, working as a team to get to the other side of the hall without touching the floor.

Jacob P – For joining in PE with a team for the whole lesson, and accepting timetable changes with maturity

Blossom

DR-For wonderful engagement in a sensory activity. He was so engaged for at least 15 minutes.

RW- for showing a preference to a sensory activity.

RB- for choosing an activity during leisure time.

KJ- amazing standing and balancing!

PR- for showing awareness of his peers during a group activity.

JAE- For super attention during our attention autism activity.

AJ- for being brave when she didn't feel very well.

Holly

Max, Kian and Leo- For great teamwork whilst on the park during their free time. they supported each other beautifully when using the equipment.

Max- For always offering to help others with a smile

Kian- For having 3 cups of drink with little prompts to encourage

Leo- For showing his peers how to play instruments correctly in music this week

T- For excellent work experience, and always happy to help

Ruby- For initiating a game for her peers that she had bought from home

Lewis O- For working independently with another member of staff in Barnardo's during in work experience this week

Lewis B- For listening well to instructions during the week and engaging beautifully in all sessions.

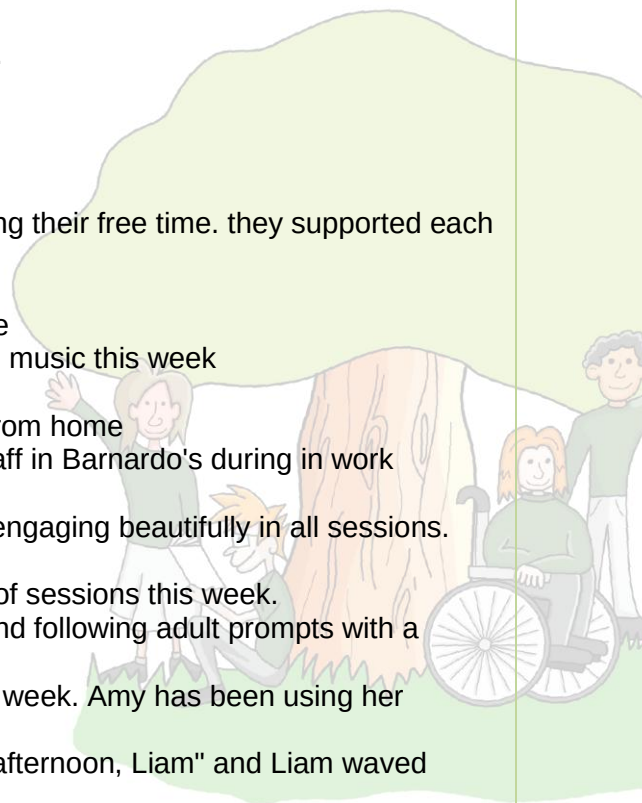
Lewis also walked all the way to the big gates at home time.

Daniel-For following instructions well and engaging well in lots of sessions this week.

Sharissa- For amazing music this week, engaging beautifully and following adult prompts with a smile!

Amy- For fantastic working and transitioning from her chair this week. Amy has been using her communication device to aid this, which is working beautifully.

Liam-For great engagement at register time. Adult said "Good afternoon, Liam" and Liam waved several times whilst looking at adult.





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Oak

Logan, Peter, Alfie and Dan for beginning their Functional Skills Qualification exams and handling these with incredible calmness and maturity.

Frankie for some great communication throughout the week, being really clear in her speech!

Elian for some excellent chopping during our cookery sessions this week, including creating chicken curry and Caesar salad.

Billy for engaging exceptionally well in the Coriell Award Project.

Connor for some great work during our community sessions, collecting a multitude of ingredients.

B., for some super work during his music sessions as part of orchestra.

Ellie for some excellent work supporting to ensure the hall was prepared and set-up for our exams!

Hazel

Faith – Working hard alongside another pupil to do 30 lengths of the pool.

Haydn – For trying to say new words that he has never said before.

Ellie – For working really hard to make her own sensory bottle full of different items and colours that she chose to put in them.

Jack – For his engagement in assembly this week, he was really engaged and so happy throughout it.

Monty – For using his AAC device to communicate with others around him what he wants and how he is feeling.

James – For his work in maths with being able to identify squares from rectangles.

Ruby– Her engagement with our story in Understanding the World. She was really watching everything that staff were doing to act out the story.

Amber – For her engagement in horticulture this week. She was helping staff and other pupils sow peas into soil.

How can you help?

Dates to remember:

Wed 10th June- Sensory regulation- parent workshop with Katy Morley- 9.30-10.30am

Mon 15th June- Parent information session 'Sensory eating' with sensory Occupational Therapist Sarah Terry

Mon 29th June- Parent/ carer Coffee Morning- 9.00-11.00am

Mon 6th to Fri 10th July- National Sports Week

Wed 8th July- Year 8- HPV vaccinations

Wed 8th July- Makaton Day

Wed 8th July- Behaviour training- parent workshop with Belle Towndrow- 9.30-10.30am

Tues 14th July- Emmeline Pankhurst Day

Thurs 23rd July- Pupils break up for Summer @ 1.30pm.

Fri 24th July- Thurs 3rd Sept- Summer holidays

Fri 4th Sept- INSET Day

Mon 7th Sept- INSET Day

Tues 8th Sept- Pupils return to school

