



Newsletter No. 11

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.

Friday 21st November



FOREST SCHOOL

Year 2 had a fantastic time in Forest School this week! The children explored and investigated a variety of different minibeasts, using magnifying glasses to take a closer look at their bodies, how they move, and the habitats they live in. They showed brilliant curiosity and teamwork as they searched, observed, and discussed their discoveries.



The PFGM will be at this year's Arlesey Lights Switch On event! We will be holding our ever-popular teddy tombola!

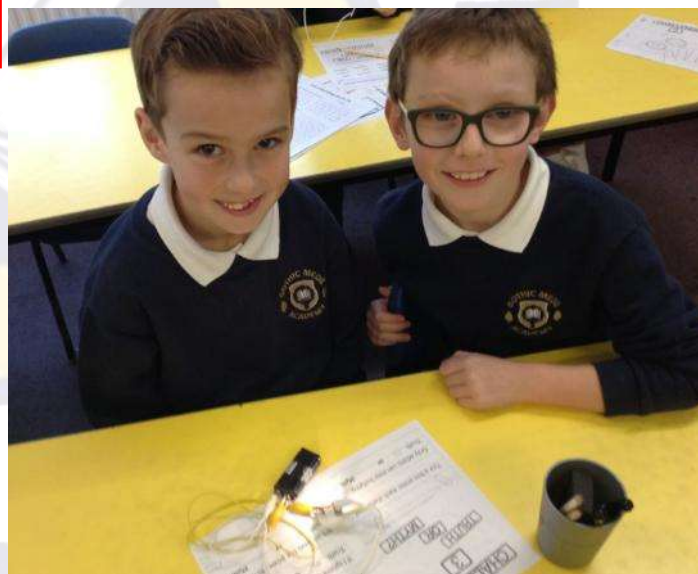
We are looking for donations of teddies and anything suitable for tombola prizes e.g. chocolate, wine, unopened gift sets etc.

Please could you drop any donations to the school office by Thursday 27th November.



YEAR 4

In Rowan Class this week, as part of our science unit investigating electricity, pupils were really engaged and enthused when experimenting with the components of electrical circuits.



RECEPTION SEPT 2026

Kind reminder - if you are still to make an application for a Reception school place for September 2026, please click [here](#) and this will take you directly to the Central Bedfordshire Council website. Please be aware that the closing date for applications 15th January 2026.

ACORN NURSERY SEPT 2026

If you would like to show your interest in our onsite Acorn Nursery for your 15 funded hours, please click [here](#) to complete a form and we will send you more information at the end of February.

Thank you to those who donated for our Happy Bag collection on Friday. We raised a total of £86.40. This will go towards funding future projects for the school.

MOVIE NIGHT – Friday 28th November

We are holding a movie night on Friday, straight after school, showing the festive classic, Arthur Christmas! Payment can be made via ParentMail and costs £4 per child, which includes entry to the movie and a bag of popcorn. Pick up from school will be at approximately 5.20pm.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE DATES



Monday 8th December

Tuesday 9th December

Wednesday 10th December

Thursday 11th December

Friday 12th December

Acorn A and Reception performance at 2pm

Yr. 1 & Yr. 2 performance at 2pm

Yr. 3 Christmas performance at 2pm

Acorn B and Reception performance at 2pm

Yr. 1 & Yr. 2 performance at 2pm

Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Principal's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

- Ash** Sam for showing enthusiasm in all his learning, listening to grown-ups and being a 'Go For It Gorilla' with new challenges.
- Oak** Tommy for fantastic concentration in phonics sessions and working so hard on his reading and writing. Well done
- Beech** Max for being such a compassionate and respectful member of the class and for his excellent effort in maths lessons when learning about addition and subtraction.
- Elm** Stanley for showing great engagement during lessons. Stanley has shown a keenness to apply his learning, especially his new writing skills. Well done!
- Willow** Denny for his amazing attitude towards learning, in maths last week Denny worked really hard to carefully and accurately add two 2-digit numbers and also supported others with his knowledge.
- Maple** Ted for his focused deep thinking and number accuracy in maths when adding two 2-digit numbers together.
- Chestnut** Darcey for her excellent focus and engagement in her learning, especially in maths lessons which has allowed her to challenge herself to answer more difficult questions.
- Sycamore** Lottie for her great success in calculating number bonds to 20 based on bond knowledge to 10. Fantastic progress Lottie!
- Rowan** Lily for excellent explanation and infectious enthusiasm when sharing her learning in mathematics.

CELEBRATIONS

- Ioli (Rowan) achieved a silver award for filling her sticker chart.
- Grayson (Maple) won first place at the UTA taekwondo championship.
- Aylvia (Beech) won a trophy for singing.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Wed 26th November | SEN coffee morning |
| Wed 26th November | Acorn Parent Consultations |
| Fri 28th November | Movie Night |

FROM THE KITCHEN

Next week, we are on **Week 1** of the menu.

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