



# The Children's NEWS



16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Happy New Year. We hope that you have all enjoyed a good break full of festive treats. It has been lovely to welcome all the children back and hear about what they had done over the holidays and the presents they had received. We are really proud of them all for settling back into the Acorn routine so quickly.

We have been talking to the children about their favourite Christmas gifts or winter holiday days out. We have been thinking about gratitude and saying thank you. We are encouraging the children to add more detail into their speech. For example; 'My toy dog was my favourite present because it is soft and I cuddle him in bed.'

## Congratulations

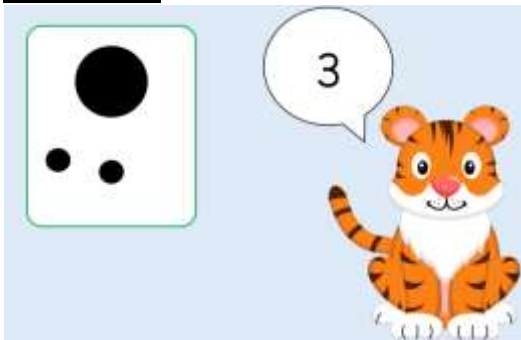
Congratulations to our Autumn 2 values ambassadors.

Esme really lives the school values, she is always willing to help and ready to learn. She is also a kind friend and a great role model.

Elodie is always engaged during carpet times and wants to learn. She also loves to help her friends.

We are very proud of you both.

## Early Maths



Over the last couple of weeks in Maths, we will be learning about the number 3. We read The Three Little Pigs and practised quickly showing 3 fingers. The children have enjoyed doing number 3 hunts around Acorn class. **Please do share any observations of your child demonstrating their understanding of these areas on Tapestry.**

## Phonics

In Phonics we will continue with the theme of The Three Little Pigs. We will be using body percussion to make up and copy rhythms, listening carefully to sounds in the story, playing a game called Wolf's Rhyming Party where we will spot words that rhyme and making each other laugh by making lots of different animal sounds!

**Please do share any examples of your child hearing words that rhyme on Tapestry.**

## Tapestry

If anyone is having difficulty accessing Tapestry or needs any pointers or hints, please don't hesitate to contact me.

**Observation focus of the fortnight:**

Is your child becoming more independent about meeting their own care needs? Eg; can they wash and dry their own hands, can they brush their teeth (with support from you), talk about why it is important to keep clean? Can they make healthy food and drink choices and talk about which foods and drinks are healthy and which foods are treats?

## Show and Tell:

**Acorn A & B:**

WB 19th and 26th January – Winter animals (tell us or show us something you know about an animal in winter. It could be some facts about hibernation or ways an animal protects itself in winter, it could be facts about a polar animal) Please continue to upload all Show and Tell to Tapestry.

WB 2nd and 9th February - Jobs - find out and tell us about a job that a family member or friend does

## Diary Dates:

**Half Term** – WB 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Back to school** – Acorn A Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Acorn B Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Parent Consultation Evening** – date for Acorn TBC

**World Book Day dress up day (outfit TBC)**– Acorn A Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Acorn B Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**Bedtime stories** - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March @ 5.30pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April @ 5.30pm

**Mother's Day Breakfasts (more info to follow)** – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**End of Term** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Back to school** - Acorn A Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

Acorn B Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April

### **Notice Board:**

Please make sure you send your child with a named water bottle everyday,  
If you are sending snacks in for the children please can we ask that it is a healthy snack.

Please continue to work with your child on putting on their coats by themselves. We will always help them but it is good to start developing their independence. Please also help them to put their gloves on independently. It is a tricky skill but it's good to start practising early on.

Please don't hesitate to speak to any of us if you have any questions, worries or concerns. We're always here to support you and your child.

Please complete the Healthy Smile Supervised Tooth brushing consent form sent out

