The Children's News

18th September 2026

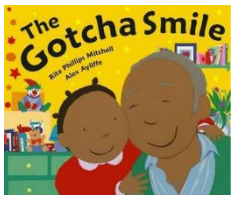
A huge, warm welcome to Acorn Class. Firstly, we would like to say how proud we are of the children and how well they settled in their first week at Nursery. We have seen big smiles from everyone and any children who have become a little upset as their carer has left have been settled and happy very quickly. The children have loved exploring and finding out about all the areas that we have in Acorn Class both inside and outside. The children are learning so much, getting to know the expectations of Acorn Class such as:

- Knowing the names of the adults (Mrs Pang, Mrs Raybould and Miss Evans) and beginning to know the names of the other children in the group
- Learning how we sit with school legs
- Knowing what to do when they hear the bells
- Remembering what to do before and after they have their snack
- Learning the lunchtime routines

Ask your child to show you or tell you about these rules and routines.
Thank you too, to all our parents and carers for helping the children to settle in so well.

Topics

This week we have been looking at the children's home books with them and have enjoyed hearing your children tell us all about their families and what is special to them. **If you haven't managed to hand your child's home book in yet, then please get it back to us as soon as possible.** Next week we will also read the book 'The Gotcha Smile' and all the children will draw a self-portrait making sure they have included their big smiles!



Phonics

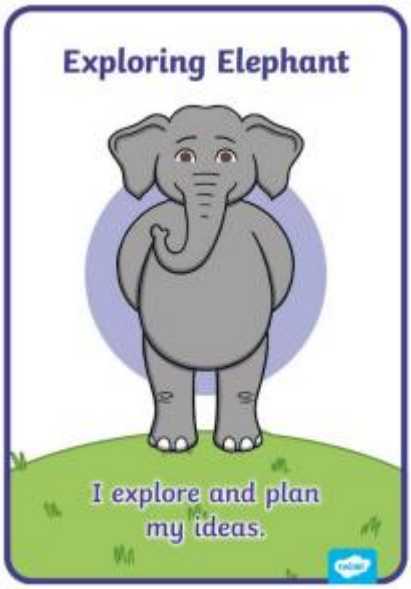
This week we have introduced our ELS phonics sessions. This week's focus element was environmental sounds which included going on a walk around Acorn and seeing what we could hear. Can the children tell you what they can hear when you are out for a walk?
Next week's focus element will be instrumental sounds which will include exploring instruments and how to play different instruments.

Maths

This week for Maths we have been singing lots of number and counting songs; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive, 1,2 Buckle My Shoe, Hickory Dickory Dock, 5 Currant Buns and 5 Green Bottles. Do you know any more number songs? You could sing some together at home and post a short video on Tapestry for us to see in school
Next week we will be looking at matching in our Maths sessions. Can your children help you pair the socks?

Learning Zoo Animals

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing our learning zoo animals. We started this week by introducing Exploring Elephant who helps us to explore different areas of Acorn class and play with new toys.



Diary Dates:

Individual photos - Wednesday 30th September
SEND coffee morning - Thursday 1st October
Open Evening - Wednesday 7th October 5pm – 6.30pm
Come and read session with Mrs Lewis - Acorn A Monday 19th October 2.30pm
Acorn B Thursday 22nd October 2.30pm
HALF TERM – Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October
Children in Need - Acorn A Tuesday 10th November
Acorn B Friday 13th November
Parents consultations - Wednesday 25th November 11.30am - 12.30am
4.00pm - 6.30pm
END OF TERM – Friday 18th December
SPRING TERM COMMENCES – Acorn A Tuesday 5th January
Acorn B Wednesday 6th January

Tapestry

It has been lovely to read some of the observations you have shared on Tapestry of the things your children have been doing at home. Please continue to keep adding observations of any new learning your child has shown, any 'wow' moments, special trips or occasions. It could be that they have created something, mastered a new skill, used a knife and fork correctly, cared for a pet, been kind and caring towards a sibling – anything that has made you, and them, feel proud. If you are having any issues with Tapestry, please do contact Mrs Lewis via the school email address.

Show and Tell:

Please post a picture of your child's object on Tapestry and we will share them together. Please don't feel that you have to do this every week – just if there is a special item your child wishes to share. Show and Tell is great for developing confidence in communication and language.

Acorn A & B:

WB 22nd September and 30th September – Autumn things

WB 7th October and 14th October– Something special to your child

Important Reminders:

Please dress your child in comfortable clothes that make it easy for them to get to the loo on time. They will get wet and dirty when playing so please do send in many changes. Please also send them in raincoats and wellies on wet days as we do try to get outside. Please do send a change of shoes if sending your child in in wellies.

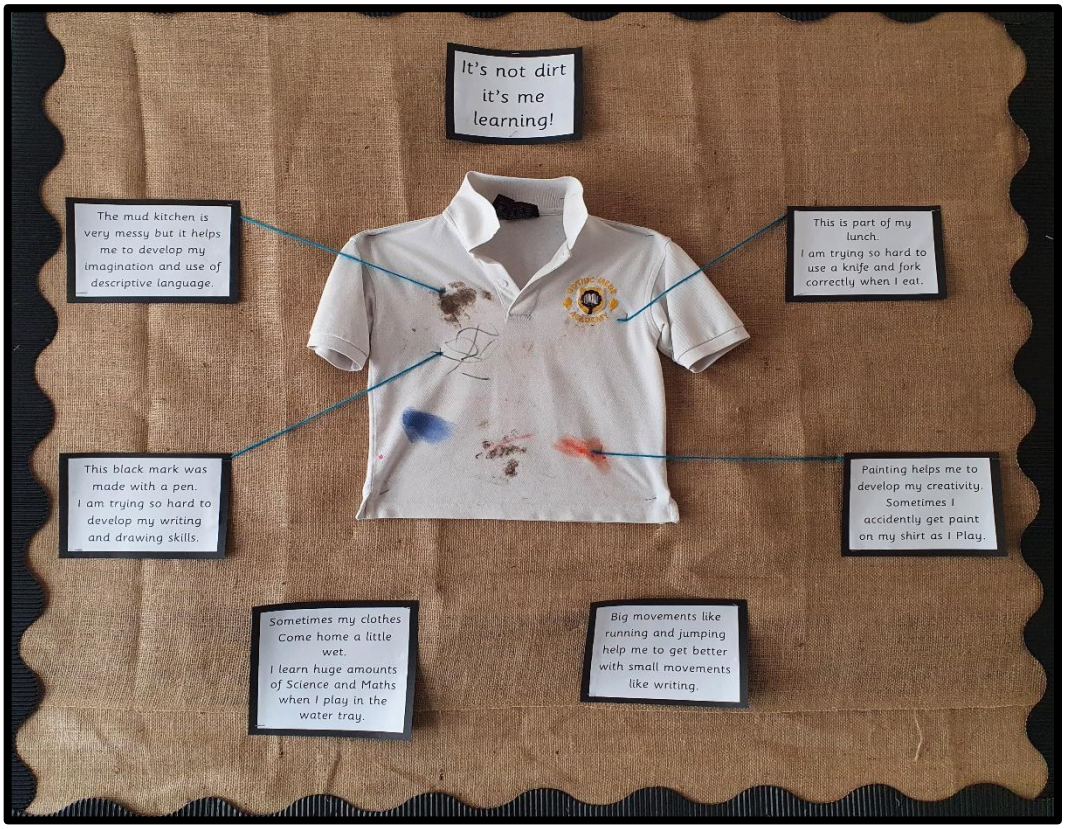
Please could you name EVERYTHING that comes in to school that could be taken off or removed – hats, bottles, gloves, jumpers, lunchboxes, snack pots etc etc. Children often don't remember what is theirs. This can be done with sharpie as well as labels.

Please inform the office of any change to pick up arrangements, even if it's a different parent or a grandparent picking up, this just saves confusion at the end of the day.

We will begin to visit the library from next week onwards. Each week, we let the children choose a book to bring home to share. Please return the book every Wednesday so that a new one can be issued. Please can you send your child in with a named book bag each Wednesday? This will just be used for books. We find that library books often don't fit in to the children's school bags and often get soggy (damp clothes and water bottle incidents!). The book bag doesn't have to be the Gothic Mede one but if you would like to order one of those the link is; https://www.totalclothingshop.co.uk/gmp

Please remember we are a nut free school so please ensure that nothing containing nuts is sent into school.

Please can you send a morning snack, this needs to be a nut free healthy snack..


It's not dirt it's me learning!
The mud kitchen is very messy but it helps me to develop my imagination and use of descriptive language.
This is part of my lunch. I am trying so hard to use a knife and fork correctly when I eat.
This black mark was made with a pen. I am trying so hard to develop my writing and drawing skills.
Painting helps me to develop my creativity. Sometimes I accidently get paint on my shirt as I Play.
Sometimes my clothes Come home a little wet. I learn huge amounts of Science and Maths when I play in the water tray.
Big movements like running and jumping help me to get better with small movements like writing.