Hawkchurch C of E Primary Newsletter 22/10/26

A Place to Belong: A Place to Flourish.

Welcome to our new newsletter we hope you enjoy finding out a bit more about the lovely things that the children have been doing over the last couple of weeks.

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Dates for your Diary

23/10 - School Closed - INSET day

26/10 - 30/10 - Half Term

2/11 - School reopens

13/11 Children in Need - details to come

4/12 Christingle - details to come

9/12 Christmas Nativity - St John the Baptist 6pm

14/12 Christmas activities day

16/12 Christmas Dinner Day

18/12 Christmas party day

Message from Mr Keay

Our first half term draws to a close and it has been lovely getting to know all the children in school and seeing how well they work and behave in school. The children have certainly embraced our behaviour values of Kind, Safe and Ready and show these each and every day.

We continue to focus our school values of Resilience, Respect, Honesty and Belonging and it has been lovely to see these being demonstrated by all the children who have been our stars of the week so far this half term. We will keep focusing on these across next half term.

We have lots already booked into the diary' please see the above dates and add them to you diary.

Have a lovely half term and we will see you all on Monday 2nd November.

Mr Keay

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the church for our Harvest celebrations. It was lovely to see so many parents. Thank you also for the kind donations that were sent in, these will be sent off by the church to the Axminster food bank.








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Little Robins and Robins Class



Little Robins have had a super few weeks. They focused on Harvest and all enjoyed the Harvest activities, including cutting up different vegetables, making soup and learning all about Harvest traditions. They painted their favourite fruits and vegetables and shared them at the Harvest festival in the church.

Each day the children have lots of opportunity to engage in a wide variety of learning activities such as, practicing writing their names, arts and crafts with pumpkins, roll play with doctors and nurses. The children have been great at taking turns when playing games.

Well done everyone






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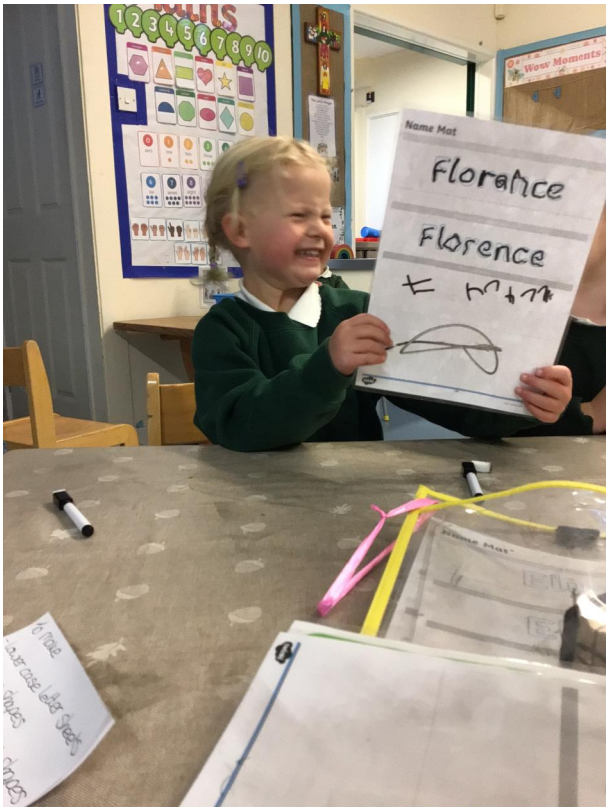



Robins Stars of the week

Bertie - For Resilience and coming back ready to learn.

Jimmy- For becoming a resilient writer.

Freddie - For trying new things.

Lots of super work in Robins over the last few weeks.

In Science the children have continued looking at the properties of materials and have enjoyed making their own parachutes to protect eggs and learning about scientists who invented rubber.

Our English unit has all been based around the poem I can do. The children learnt the poem, created a class version together and then wrote their own poems. We learnt all about what many different animals can do.

RE has seen the children continue learning all about the story of Matthew the tax collector and how he became a disciple. They learnt all about forgiveness and peace and how Jesus taught everyone about how to forgive people.













Buzzards Class



Stars of the week -

16th October - Arli Matthews - for the value of Belonging - helping all students succeed in their lessons.

It is hard to believe how quickly this half term has passed. We have been delighted to see the Year 3 children settle so well into Buzzards and grow in confidence as they have adapted to our routines and expectations.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening. We believe it is invaluable for you to see your child's progress and to celebrate their achievements with them.

This half term, we completed our Art projects, creating sculptures inspired by Ancient Greek art. We have also finished our History unit on Ancient Greece, and the children have developed a fantastic depth of knowledge about this fascinating civilisation.

In Science, we learned about the cardiovascular system and had lots of fun making our own blood and discovering the important job each component does. We learned how blood transports oxygen and nutrients around the body, helping our organs and muscles work effectively. Creating our blood model helped us understand how red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets, and plasma all work together to keep us healthy.

Next half term, we will be turning our attention to Geography and Design Technology. In DT, we will explore CAD (Computer-Aided Design), while in Geography we will develop our map-reading skills and learn to interpret different types of maps.

We will also be beginning preparations for Christmas. We will send home Nativity scripts and casting information after half term, and we look forward to sharing this special production with you.

Sarcoma UK - What is sarcoma? | Sarcoma UK.

The new School Council has already met and decided which charity they would like to support this year, building on the success of our fundraising efforts in previous years. After careful discussion, they have chosen to support **Sarcoma UK**. We look forward to working together throughout the year to raise awareness and funds for this important charity, and we will share more information about the fun fundraising events in the near future.

After half term, if your child is able to support the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal, please could they bring any donated items into school during the first week back. The shoeboxes need to be packed by 9th November, so we would be very grateful for any contributions received by then.

This year, we are hoping to fill two shoeboxes: one for a child aged 5-9 years and one for a young person aged 10-15 years.

If you have misplaced the list of accepted items, please find the information on the Samaritan's Purse website using the link below: How to Pack a Shoebox | Samaritans Purse

Open mornings and afternoons.

Do you have a child starting school next September? We are pleased to offer the opportunity to come and visit our school. Please feel free to share the time and dates.



Online Safety.



As children become more confident and independent when using technology, including tablets, computers and mobile phones, it is important that they understand how to stay safe online. We encourage all parents to take an active interest in their child's online activity by talking regularly about the games they play, websites they visit, apps they use and how they communicate with others. Children should be reminded never to share personal information online and to speak to a trusted adult if they see anything that worries or upsets them.

If your child has access to a mobile phone, please ensure that age-appropriate settings, parental controls and privacy settings are in place, and that they understand how to use their device responsibly. Using devices in shared family spaces where possible, establishing clear expectations around screen time and maintaining open conversations about online safety can help children develop safe and positive digital habits.

Here's a quick test for the parents:

Text abbreviations are still used; they have changed from LOL and BRB.

Here are some - How many can you work out? How many can your children solve?

TLDR

JW

ISO

IRL

MYOB

PTFA News

We are currently organising the Year 6 hoodies and will provide a further update in early November.

If you have fundraising ideas, suggestions, or would like to get involved with the PTFA, please speak to Mrs Wiscombe. We are always happy to welcome new members and value any support you can offer.

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