Term: Autumn 1

Pre-school newsletter

Week 8: 19.10.2026

Dear Parent's, Carers

Wow, and just like that our first term is over. I would like to say a huge thank you to all your support with helping to settle your child into life here at Excalibur. I am incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into the school environment, adjusting and building new friendships and following new routines in Pre School.

The children are now eager to arrive in Pre-school and this is so lovely to see. They have worked incredibly hard and Pre-school is filled with fun, laughter, exploration and high levels of engagement. I can't wait to take them on their next set of adventures next term. Have a lovely break and we will see you on Tuesday 3rd November at 8.50.

Quality story

This week at Pre-School we have been listening to the story of 'We're going on a leaf hunt'. We looked at all the colours of the different leaves and then made some leafy pictures.

We have been observing the environmental changes outside and been learning new songs such as 'leaves are falling'.



Playing outside

The children have really enjoyed playing outside for the last few sunny days of October. As the weather starts to become cooler please can you ensure any hats and gloves are clearly labelled with your child's name.

This encourages the children's confidence and independence within the busy pre-school environment.



Applications for Reception 2027

Just a reminder that the applications for school places are now available online and can made through the online portal via the following link https://schoolsparentportal.cheshireeast.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/admissions

The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2027.

Phase 1 phonics

Pre-school have been working so hard this term on their listening skills when tuning into environmental sounds.

We have gained confidence in listening to animals sounds, sounds indoors and outdoors and instrumental sounds.

Next term we will be working on instrumental sounds.

Dates for your diary

Friday 23rd October 2026 – Finish for half term.

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 – Return to Pre-school

Wednesday 4th November 2026 – Individual and siblings photographs

Wednesday 9th December 2026 – Christmas Stay and Play more details to follow.

Monday 14th December 2026 – Pre-school magic show- more details to follow.

Finally,

What an amazing week we have had in Pre-school. It has been so difficult to to choose our 'Stars of the Week'.

This week we have chosen ' Hugo and Ted'. Well done everyone. We can't wait to see who it will be next. Have a lovely half term break. Don't forget top post your photos on Seesaw.

From Mrs Johnston and the Pre-school team