Half termly review

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot believe we are already at the end of the first half term. What a finish with the Harvest Festival assembly. Can I start by thanking all the parents and carers who have attended a parent's consultation meeting to find out how your child has settled into school and the learning which have they completed so far this year. Your children and the staff have definitely earnt their half-term holiday.

I would also like to thank the children who took part in the reading competition and those who attended the reading event. We will hold more events throughout the year and if you have any suggestions please let us know.

The children have already been exposed to a lot of learning opportunities which include going on Autumn walks, making new friends, designing and making outfits for toys, learning new songs, learning about each other and how to keep ourselves safe and who can help us.

Thank you to all the families who support getting their children to school every day and on time. It makes a huge difference to how your child starts their day and approaches their learning. Remember we have a FREE BREAKFAST CLUB if you wish to use it starting from 8am each morning.

You may have seen we are opening a day-care from January 2027 and we have spaces for children who are 9 months old-2 years old. If you require further information for yourselves or someone you may know please come along to the office. We are keen to offer a high quality service and fill up the spaces so that we can open.

Remember that the clocks go back this weekend so if you're lucky you may have a lie in on Sunday or an extra hour enjoying time together. We return back to school on Tuesday 3rd November, have a super week off!

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Jo Orbell
Headteacher

Overview Of Nursery This Term

SPIDERS

This September we have welcomed lots of new little spiders, we have spent this term helping them to settle into routine, making relationships, building independence and confidence as they begin their journey through the school.
Massive well done to all the little spiders who have been toilet trained over the summer and since returning this term.
If you haven't yet sent in a family photo, please do so ASAP. Having access to a photo of their family members helps children to feel comforted as well as providing excellent opportunities for language.

MAIN NURSERY

In nursery the children have been working hard on settling in to the main nursery setting. We have been exploring our nursery environment and getting to know new friends and teachers. The children have been learning about nursery rhymes such as 'Twinkle twinkle little star', 'Old McDonald had a farm', 'Head shoulders knees and toes', 'Finger family' and 'Incy wincy spider'. In maths we have been learning about counting objects to six and repeating shape and colour patterns. During our phonics sessions we have been working on our listening skills trying to identify the sounds made by different animals and musical instruments. We have also been exploring the different sounds we can make with our hands and our voices. In P.E. we have been working on some stop and go games as well as exploring the space available to us in the hall. We have also been learning the song 'big red combine harvester' for our harvest assembly at the end of half term. Thank you to all of those parents who came to our "joy of reading" afternoon the children really enjoyed the range of activities throughout the whole school.





Overview of Reception This Term

This Autumn term has been amazing, the children have settled so well and have learned their new routines very quickly and have all made some lovely friendships and relationships with adults. All children have been excited to take home their own reading book as well as their library book and share this with you at home and the response has been wonderful to see. This term we have been learning all about ourselves and how we can take care of our bodies and our minds. We celebrated the 'Big Bad Wolves' birthday by planning a party and writing our own invitations and creating decorations, We had to teach the Big Bad Wolf how to be kind and learn our school values. Throughout the weeks we have looked at what makes us a unique person such as our families, features and our fingerprints. We thank all the families who attended our pleasure for reading afternoon, the children are still talking about it and they loved your involvement. In literacy we have created our own poems, learnt different stories and how to use our voices in different ways, we're looking forward to showing you our performance of The Little Red Hen on Friday. In Maths, we have learnt all about patterns and deepening our understanding of the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

We continue to explore outside come rain, shine or snow, we learn so many different things whilst we're exploring. As the weather is turning colder please make sure your child is coming into school dressed appropriately and has spare clothes when they get wet outside. If your child has a spare pair of wellies they can bring them into school named, and keep them under their peg.











Overview of KS1 This Term

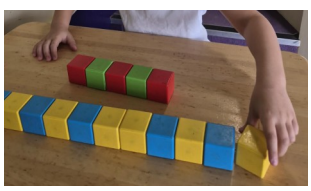
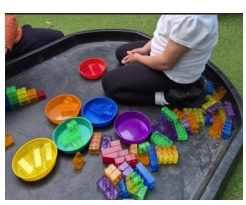
In our Time Tech topic, the children have explored what technology is and how it has changed over time to make people's everyday lives easier. In History, they have investigated how the reporting of news has developed over time. They applied their understanding by making their own newspapers and creating a podcast to report the school news.
In Music, the children composed their own jingle for their podcast, using glockenspiels and drums. They considered how rhythm, tempo and repeated musical patterns could be combined to create an appropriate introduction.
In Art, the children explored different types of lines that they could create using a variety of tools. They also used shapes to produce their own abstract artwork, inspired by the artist Joan Miro.
In Design and Technology, the children designed and made a new K-Pop outfit. They selected different materials and joined them together, considering how the materials could be combined effectively to create their designs.
In Maths, Year One have been deepening their understanding of numbers up to 20. They used a range of resources to represent numbers using tens and ones. The children ordered and compared numbers using the terms more, less, greater than, equal to and less than. They can also identify one more and one less than a given number within 20. Year Two have been looking at different numbers and writing them in words as well as partitioning them. They have compared and ordered numbers and explored number bonds too. Year Two have been using number lines and part- part whole models to support them with their learning in maths.
In English, Year One have developed their vocabulary and used a variety of interesting adjectives to describe a fictional character. They then listened and responded to the new Gruffalo Granny Story, using it to create their own versions. Each story included all five stages of a story, including a problem that Gruffalo Granny experiences on her journey to The Gruffalo's cave. The children have increased their use of capital letters and full stops, while concentrating on letter formation and using their phonics to spell. Year Two have written their own versions of the Gruffalo Granny Story too ensuring the use of a range of adjectives, verbs and adverbs. Recently, we wrote a recount describing events in chronological order. They ensured the use of time connectives and included their feelings in the recounts too!
KS1 pupils have made a great start to the new academic year and we hope they continue this brilliant attitude on to the upcoming terms ahead!

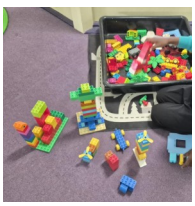




Overview of Foxes This Term

Foxes have settled really well into their new classroom and have loved exploring both inside and outside. The climbing frame, slide and big swing have been very popular. We have also been exploring playdough and painting using coloured water and using big chalk on our outside walls. This has all been helping our gross and fine motor skills develop further.
We have been accessing the hall daily and have enjoyed jumping off horses, kicking and throwing balls, balancing on benches and climbing over obstacles. We have also really enjoyed water play outside whilst the weather is still warm.
Foxes have also been working on our independence. We have been looking at our own photos, finding our peg names, collecting our own coats and taking off / putting on our own shoes and socks.
We have all enjoyed looking at the stories, 'Dear Zoo' and 'Where's Spot' focusing on our positional language, colour sorting and patterns. All the children have enjoyed finding the hidden toys in the sand and around the room. A few of the children have made intricate houses for some of the animals using the magnetic tiles and Duplo.



Diary dates

Friday 23rd October	**9.15am-10am**	**Harvest Assembly** Parents & carers from the whole school are welcome to join us to watch the children sing. Please respond to the survey on School Spider to let us know you are coming before 5pm on Fri 16th Oct. Places are limited to 1 per family who have responded to book their place. The assembly will start at 9.15am so please arrive beforehand as **latecomers will not be admitted**.
Friday 23rd October	3.15pm - 5.00pm	**After School Clubs** Fri 23rd Oct- **Film Club** - £5 includes snacks (not tea)
Monday 26th October– Monday 2nd November		**HALF TERM** School finishes on Friday 23rd October & returns Tuesday 3rd November Please visit our website for the term dates https://www.thewillowseyc.org.uk/ .
Every Tuesday Every Friday	8:35am – 8:45am 8:35am – 8:55am	**Morning Task with parents/carers** (Rabbits, Owls, Squirrels) (Rabbits, Owls, Squirrels Hedgehog and Badgers Class)
Wednesday 11th November - Thursday 17th December	3.15pm - 5.00pm	**After School Clubs** Weds 11th Nov- **Disco Time** - £5 includes snacks (not tea) Tues 24th Nov- **Pizza Club** - £8 includes tea FULLY BOOKED Fri 4th Dec- **Free Play** - £8 includes tea Thurs 17th Dec- **Film Club** - £5 includes snacks (not tea)
Monday 21st December– Monday 4th January		**END OF TERM** School finishes on Friday 18th December & returns Tuesday 5th January Please visit our website for the term dates https://www.thewillowseyc.org.uk/ .

Attendance

Half Termly Attendance Autumn 1 2026

Year	Class Name	% Week Commencing 6th July Attendance	% Half termly Attendance
Rec.	Hedgehogs	92.7%	95.7%
Rec.	Badgers	100%	95.2%
KS1	Squirrels	85.8%	94.4%
KS1	Owls	91.1%	95.1%
KS1	Rabbits	97.6%	94.7%
KS1	Foxes	87.5%	91.9%
Total attendance		**92.4%**	**94.6%**

Well done **Badgers** with an attendance of **100%** for the week beginning **12th October**

Well done **Hedgehogs** with an attendance of **95.2%** for half the term

Did you Know: Lateness also affects your child's attendance %

REMINDERS AND UPDATES

School Photos

You have now received your child's QR code for their school photo. If you are interested in purchasing this, it can be done directly with DSP Photography online via the QR code.

Pre-loved coat sale

We are currently holding a pre-loved children's coat sale in the school office. If you are interested in purchasing any, please come and have a look. All coats are £2 each. Hats & gloves are 50 pence each. Please note we are only able to take cash for items (the correct change is appreciated).

Items will be available on a 1st come, 1st served basis as we are unable to reserve.

If you have any children's coats that are in good, clean condition that you are willing to donate to the sale, please bring them to the office.

School Applications

If your child is moving up to year 3 or starting Reception in September 2027 you need to apply for a school place online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions before15th January 2027.

Breakfast Club– bookings now open for the next half term

Bookings are now open for our Breakfast Club from Tuesday 3rd November until Friday 18th December. Places are to be booked via the School Spider app. Please can we request that you only book places for the days that you intend to use the club and, if you need to cancel a booking please notify the office. Bookings do need to be made in advance, by the Thursday before the week you are booking for.

Our Breakfast Club is FREE for school aged children and starts at 8am. Children that are in nursery can still attend breakfast club but this remains chargeable at £2.50 per day required.

School Dinners- Please Remember to Order

Children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are able to have a free school dinner at lunchtime.

Children who are in Spiders and Nursery and are here for lunch time can order a School Dinner for £1.50 per dinner ordered. If you would like your child to have a School Dinner, please remember to place your orders via the School Spider app. All lunches need to be ordered at least 8 days in advance.

If your child is here at lunch time and does not have a dinner ordered, they will need to bring a packed lunch to school with them.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY
FREE FAMILY FILM
FRIDAYS



CONTACT US ON
01908 608559
FOR MORE DETAILS

AT CPCC COMMUNITY HUB

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

CPCC
Campbell Park Community Council

AT 10 AM


CPCC
Campbell Park Community Council
FREE ACTIVITY PACKS FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
FOR 4-11 YEAR OLDS
The packs contain a range of paper-based activities including colouring sheets, wordsearches, mazes, spot the differences along with some pencils, pens/crayons !
THE PACKS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM CPCC COMMUNITY HUB
SPRINGFIELD BVLD, SPRINGFIELD
OCTOBER HALF TERM PACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM TUES 20 OCTOBER

CPCC

Campbell Park Community Council

Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times



Kids Craft Club

Let's be creative!

1 - 3pm
Tuesday 27 October
at
CPCC Community Hub
Springfield Boulevard
MK6 3JS



Conniburrow & Pebbles Family Centre October Half Term Calendar
26 October- 30 October



Milton Keynes City Council

Conniburrow-1 Germander Place, Conniburrow, MK14 7DU (01908 67575)
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To nominate, please email www.actionspeaks.co.uk