



Highfields Academy and Nursery

EYFS Newsletter

October 2026

Key Information

To help keep you informed about your child's learning, we share a weekly class update (and photographs) on Tapestry for Caterpillars, Butterflies and Reception. This celebrates one key highlight from our learning, giving you a snapshot of the experiences and activities taking place.

Alongside these updates, individual Tapestry observations will continue to be used to capture special "wow" moments, significant achievements and important steps in your child's development.

Our monthly newsletter provides a broader overview of the exciting learning and events that have taken place across the EYFS throughout the month.

Caterpillars

The Caterpillars have been fully immersed in our All About Me and Autumn themes, exploring family, nature and seasonal changes.

We have created lollipop stick houses, family drawings, edible self-portraits using pancakes and fruit, and explored a sensory family tree with our small-world characters.

To celebrate Autumn, we worked together on a leaf collage, painted autumn trees using different stamping materials, designed outfits using natural forest resources, created harvest artwork with fruits and vegetables, and made Halloween cauldrons using bubble paint. We also made mud paint together in the garden!

Outdoors, we washed pumpkins using brushes, sponges and soapy water before opening them to explore their insides and make our own pretend pumpkin soup. We enjoyed cinnamon-scented harvest playdough, creating farm fruits, and went on garden treasure hunts to find 'body parts' and use action so that we could practice our listening skills through Simon Says.

Our Halloween fun continued as we explored shapes to create pumpkin faces and made pumpkin collages. In the forest, we searched for autumn treasures to create our own hedgehogs.



Butterflies

We are having a busy October in Butterflies, with lots of opportunities to explore the changing season.

Using stories such as *Leaf Man*, *There's a Witch in My Book* and *The Scarecrow's Wedding* as inspiration, we have enjoyed autumnal walks and collecting leaves and other natural treasures to use in our play and artwork. We have created leaf prints, collages and autumn wreaths, explored seasonal colours and textures, and made bird feeders to encourage wildlife into our outdoor area. As you can see from the below photograph, we have also enjoyed using a range of vegetables to print and create marks with.

This week, we have enjoyed creating seasonal memory boxes (using cardboard boxes) and making bird feeders for outside.

During our story and circle times, we have been sharing ideas, joining in with discussions and listening carefully to others. We have done this through games such as 'Pass the Rhythm'.



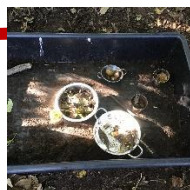
Reception

Throughout October, Reception have been immersed in a range of traditional tales, including *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* and *The Three Little Pigs*. The children have loved retelling and acting out these stories, making troll masks, building bridges and creating houses for the Hairdryer Wolf to blow down!

We have explored a variety of activities, including painting, collage, junk modelling and printing, as well as developing our early writing skills through drawing and writing about story characters.

The children have loved making rainmakers and playing games with musical instruments.

Our Forest School sessions have been full of autumnal adventures, including making magic wands and natural potions, exploring our sense of smell, searching for autumn colours on a treasure hunt and creating leaf crowns, leaf rubbings and threaded leaf decorations.



Oracy

Each month, we share a "Would You Rather..." question.

This is to support your child in explaining their thinking, listening to others and developing their speaking and reasoning skills.

Would you rather jump in a giant puddle or play in a mountain of crunchy leaves?

Fine Motor

Peg It Up!

Invite your child to help hang socks or small items on a washing line using pegs.

Using pegs strengthens finger muscles and develops the coordination needed for mark-making and self-care tasks.

Parent Partnerships

We are always looking for ways to strengthen our partnerships with families.

If you have any ideas, suggestions or feedback, we would love to hear from you.

Please feel free to get in touch with me at

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Your views are incredibly valuable and help us continue to develop and improve our provision.



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Colshaw Drive, Wilmslow, SK9 2PZ
Monday 19th October 2026
Monday 8th February 2027
Monday 24th May 2027

Wesley Place Methodist Church

Lawton Rd, Alsager, ST7 2AF
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 26th February 2027
Monday 7th June 2027

Nantwich Methodist Church

Hospital Street, Nantwich, CW5 5RP
Friday 6th November 2026
Friday 12th February 2027
Friday 28th May 2027

Macclesfield Town Hall

Marketplace, Macclesfield, SK10 1EA
Friday 20th November 2026
Monday 22nd February 2027
Wednesday 9th June 2027

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