

Autumn Term 1

Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 5th January - Inset day
- Tuesday 6th January - School reopens
- Thursday 15th January - Primary school application deadline
- Thursday 22nd January - Firefighter visit
- Tuesday 3rd February - Dentist visit
- Friday 6th February - NSPCC number day
- Friday 13th February - Break up for half term

Dear Families,

As always, it has been a very busy half-term with the countdown to Christmas. The children have taken part in so many lovely activities and have made us feel really proud with their super walking to the care home and fabulous singing for the residents. Thank you to all those who helped out! Thank you also to those of you who attended our Christmas sing-a-long and enjoyed a mince pie and a cup of tea. The children loved having you in school.

As the end of term draws closer, we wish you a restful and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing everyone again in 2026!

Best Wishes, Liane Johnson (Executive Headteacher)

2 Year Olds

We've had such an exciting half term exploring the wonderful world of colours! From learning the names of different colours to experimenting with colour mixing, the children have really enjoyed getting creative.

Now, we're all feeling the festive spirit as Christmas approaches! Our celebrations have already begun—we've been busy decorating our classroom Christmas trees and sharing magical Christmas stories in our cosy Christmas house. The children loved talking about their family traditions and showing photographs of their own Christmas trees at home. It was such a lovely way to learn more about each other! We hope you enjoyed joining us for our Christmas craft sessions. The children were so proud of their creations, and it was wonderful to share that experience with you. We also had lots of fun singing our favourite Christmas songs together—it really brought the festive cheer!

Thank you for being part of these special moments. We can't wait for more celebrations as we count down to Christmas!



3-4 Year Olds

We've had a fantastic and busy half term in Nursery, filled with creativity, celebrations, and exciting learning experiences!

The children loved making mini bonfires for Bonfire Night, exploring colours and textures while learning about fire safety.

Odd Sock Day was a great opportunity to celebrate uniqueness as part of Anti-Bullying Week, and we were so proud of how confidently the children joined in. We also introduced our new tooth brushing programme, and the children have been brilliant at learning how to keep their teeth healthy.

A real highlight was our trip to The Storybarn, where the children enjoyed magical stories and imaginative play, sparking their love of reading even more. As we get ready for Christmas, the classroom is full of festive crafts, decorations, and excited chatter about family traditions.

Thank you for your continued support—it's been wonderful to see the children's confidence and independence grow. We wish you all a restful break and a very happy holiday season!



Stay and Play Sessions

We have had a really positive response to our Christmas crafts stay and play sessions this half term.

We look forward to welcoming everybody again in the next half term.



Attendance Hero of the half term!

To be entered into our half termly draw, you need to have at least one week of 100% attendance in that half term.

WELL DONE

Eziah Clarke Glover!



Governor Spotlight

I recently retired after 14 years as a Regional Manager in the pharmaceutical industry, specializing in marketing, product launches, and leading large sales teams in the respiratory field. Previously, I worked as an Account Manager in the endoscopy sector, gaining extensive knowledge of the NHS and healthcare markets. I also co-manage a property business, with experience in estate management and development. I'm excited to bring my enthusiasm and expertise to my new role as a Governor.



Charity Donation—Children in Need

Across the Federation, we came together and raised an amazing **£76.00** for **BBC Children in Need!**

This incredible charity helps transform the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK, funding projects that provide vital support, education, and opportunities for a brighter future. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated, participated, and spread the word. Your kindness and generosity truly make a difference!

Wrap Care



Wrap around care is available 8am—5pm. If you would like a space, or to enquire about prices, please speak to Kirstie in the school office or email reception@affns.co.uk. Our nursery staff run these sessions, Karen does breakfast club and Laura/Jo do after school club. The children have a varied breakfast and a variety of healthy snack options for after school. If you would like to see a



2 Year Old Funding

With new government guidelines, from April 2024, working parents may be able to receive 15 funded hours. To check eligibility please visit haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk and select Early years

For more information regarding places, please contact the school office.

Attendance

It is really important for children to come to school every day so they are not missing out on important learning and the exciting things we have planned. If your child is not well please get in contact to let us know.



Green (97%+)
is good attendance



Amber (91-96%)
is a cause for concern



Red (below 90%)
is poor

Snack money for this half-term is £10.00. Can we remind parents that snack is in addition to your child's nursery funding so can you please also pay snack for this current half term if you haven't already done so. **Payments can be made:** Half Termly - £10.00 Termly - £20.00 Full Year—£60.00



Payments

Can we ask that all payments (snack money, trip money etc) are paid into the nursery school bank account or through the School Spider app. Please ensure all payments are clearly



Contacts

- Tel: 01514244686 Option 1
- Email: reception@affns.co.uk

Message us through the School Spider Parent App

Dropping off & Picking up of children

Can we just reminder all parents and family members to follow the drop off and pick up times. The purpose of this is so the groups are not continually disturbed during the session

Drop Off

9.00 am
12.45pm

Pick Up

12pm
3.45pm

Privacy Notice

Please find the privacy notice relating to data protection on our noticeboard and website.



Disabled Car Park Spaces

Please do not park in these spaces unless you are registered disabled and are displaying your blue badge. Staff will challenge anyone who is parking here unless they can see badge



Yellow Zig Zags – Parking

Can we ask that parents do not park outside of nursery school on the yellow zig-zags.

These lines are here

