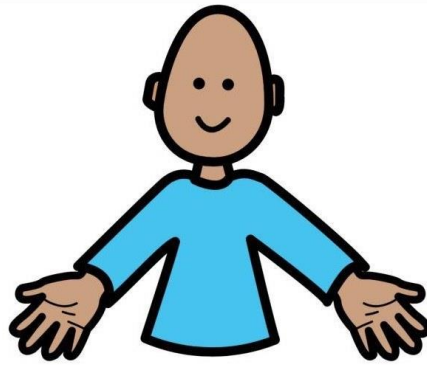




Newsletter - week ending 23rd October 2026

Welcome to this week's school newsletter! We're delighted to share the latest news, achievements, and upcoming events from across our school community. Each week, this newsletter brings together important updates, celebrations, pupil successes and helpful reminders to keep families informed and connected. We hope you enjoy reading about what's been happening in our classrooms and around the school, and we thank you for your continued support.

The Value of the term is **WELCOMING**



Welcoming

1 - Our Value of the Term is 'Welcoming'

Disability Role-Model October 2026
Marsha de Cordova



Politician

2 - Our Disability role model for October is Marsha de Cordova

In this week's newsletter



What a fabulous week we have had. Keep reading this newsletter to find out about...

- **What has been happening in our classes this week**
- **Award Winners**
- **100 Club Winners**
- **Breast Cancer 'Wear It Pink' raffle**
- **Pumpkin Patch Success**
- **Weekly Attendance**
- **Any upcoming diary dates**

All our classes have had another busy week. Let's find out exactly what they have been up to...



Woodlands Class had an adventure to the Pumpkin Patch. The weather wasn't great but it didn't stop us having a fantastic time. We have explored pumpkins, made ghosts in Art, done lots of pumpkin printing and explored pumpkin seeds. There have been lots of sensory stories over the week too - a busy final week of the Half Term!



Seedlings Class have enjoyed learning all about the Jewish festival of Sukkot through Attention Autism activities, building a Sukkah (a special tent), and creative tasks such as fruit basket making and fruit and vegetable printing. We have also loved visiting the pumpkin patch, and the rain and mud only added to the excitement and adventure! During Fun With Food, the children explored a range of foods including pretzels, hot cross buns, carrots and kiwi fruit, using their senses to investigate different tastes, textures and smells. In our Baking sessions, we made spooky Halloween biscuits, practising important fine motor skills through mixing, rolling and using cookie cutters. Well done, Seedlings Class, for a fantastic first half term. We are so proud of all your hard work



Cedar class were really engaged in all the opportunities at our Acorns Pumpkin Patch . They were able to play, explore and learn new skills in the area alongside Gill who will be our Forest School Leader. They enjoyed Art work and lessons all linked to Halloween. Have a great half term!



Willow Class have had an amazing week. Everyone has engaged with all activities to do with Halloween. We started the week off with our pumpkin patch - wow what a hook for the week. All children were engaged on washing pumpkins, carving pumpkins, carrying and moving the pumpkins and playing with the hay bales. We continued the theme of Halloween all week in class. We loved experimenting with bicarb and vinegar and lemonade and salt (it made a massive fountain!) in cauldrons and pumpkins. We all had a go at carving the pumpkin and messing with the pumpkin "guts" and also hammering golf tees into the pumpkin. We have had an awesome week and are now all looking forward to half term!



Maple class have enjoyed taking part in Halloween themed activities. We liked our sensory story Creepy Castle and have used communication boards to talk about the characters in the story. Despite the weather we really enjoyed our time visiting the pumpkin patch and taking part in different Halloween themed forest school activities. We loved carving and decorating our own pumpkins. During our my creativity session we made ghost pictures using different printing techniques and our handprints. During maths activities we practised ordering numbers, counting objects and adding two groups of objects this week. Our sound of the week has been m. The children have been learning to identify objects that begin with this sound and to read and spell words containing all the sounds that we have learnt so far.



We have had a great week in Elm - we have focused lots on pumpkins and autumn this week. We loved our visit to Acorns Pumpkin patch! Some of us visited Huntleys farm shop and saw some giant pumpkins! We even brought one back to school to draw. We have some budding artists! We enjoyed exploring pumpkins in our tuff tray and feeling inside! We gave it a spooky face. We have made our last vegetable soup this week - leek and potato and are busy

planning our next half term activities in the kitchen! We have continued to work hard on all daily learning tasks and activities, we are learning every day to share and take turns. What a wonderful first term we have had!

Our next topic is "No place like home" and we would love if you can **send us a picture of your family home** for us to share and discuss. We will be creating a construction building zone as our new role play area in Elm class - we are very excited!



Oak have enjoyed all things Halloween. We had a fabulous start to the week creating memories with our friends at the Pumpkin Patch. Despite the weather we have been out and about in the local community and were so excited to see the new bridge that has been installed - we can't wait to be able to walk across it! The staff in Oak class are so proud of how hard our class have worked this half term and how well we have settled in. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved rest filled with treats (not tricks) before coming back to enjoy all our Christmas festivities.



Ash have been busy with Halloween activities. From maths and english halloween learning, to making Spider Pizzas, decorating spooky biscuits, finger printing Halloween pictures. The children have really enjoyed this week at the Pumpkin Patch, learning and practicing lots of new skills using different tools outside with the pumpkins.



Pine Class has had a spook-tacular week enjoying all things Halloween! We were very busy creating our scarecrows and exploring our very own pumpkin patch. The children loved rolling, carving, decorating, stacking and washing pumpkins, using a range of physical skills while having great fun. There was plenty of mud, laughter and excitement along the way! We have seen lots of happy smiles from the children this week, although they are certainly ready for a well-earned rest. Well done, Pine Class!

Just a gentle reminder that snack and sensory play contributions are £2 per week. These contributions help us to provide a variety of snacks and engaging sensory play experiences for the children throughout the week.

Star of the Week



Woodlands

Blake

Seedlings

Teddy

Cedar

All the class

Elm

Sommi

Willow

Everyone!

Maple

Jude

Oak

Daisy-Mai

Ash

Bilal

Pine

Whole Class

Mover/Active Superstar of the Week



Woodlands

Isabella

Seedlings

Archie

Cedar

Ibrahim

Elm

Lily

Willow

Teddy

Maple

Hunter

Pine

Layton

Oak

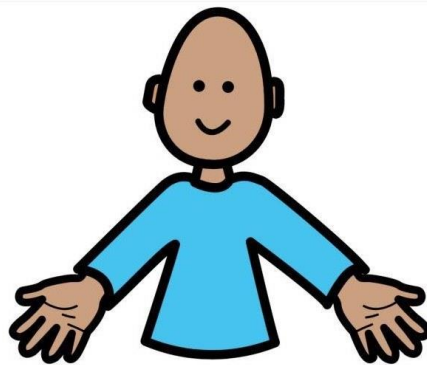
Ilyas

Ash

Lincoln



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3 - Values Award Winners

Bright

Logan

Erin

Ellie

Richard

Violet

Heidi

Lincoln



4 - Wow, what a fantastic week the children had exploring our very own Acorns Pumpkin Patch. Thank you to all our parents who supported us by donating haybales and pumpkins. We couldn't have done this without you. A big thanks goes to Gill - our very own member of staff who seems to have resided in the Forest School all week, who has planned, prepared and made this week possible! We would also like to express our huge gratitude to Luke & Ryan at Sharrock's Fresh Produce Ltd and Stephen Clayton at Wilton's of Newburgh for their wealth of donations and Farmer Jon for facilitating the transport of these.

More photos coming soon

Thankyou for dropping in!



We were overwhelmed to see so many of you at our events this Half Term including our coffee morning in aid of St Catherine's Hospice, Meet the Teacher evening, Our World Expo and Parents Voice Group.

Friends of Acorns - Thank you so much for all your support with events and fundraising this Half Term. Our school wouldn't be the same without it!

**100 CLUB
WINNERS**

September 26 Draw

100 1st place -Carol Otter £45

77 2nd place - Judith Mills £20

15 3rd place - Fathema Ali £15

Congratulations!

Numbers drawn by Ava
from Oak Class

Want to join the fun and raise the Jackpot?
contact Claire H to join in for the remaining
8 draws for £16

5 - Thank you to everybody that has already signed up to be a part of our 100 club. These are this half terms 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners!

Breast Cancer 'Wear It Pink' raffle winners

Lily M - Baby Monitor

Mary - knife set & wacky warehouse voucher

Claire H - knife set

Katie Mac - Kettle

Nathaniel - Bayliss Harding Set & Timpsons voucher

Helen R - Electric blanket (handy for this weather)

Emma B - Wacky warehouse voucher

Laura A - cut & blow dry voucher

Harley - Jewellery & yoga voucher

Monica - voucher for facial

Kelly J - Jewellery

Gill - house lights

Cleo - crochet set



6 - Our attendance for this week has been 89%



7 - Don't forget to check out our Facebook page, for any useful information or reminders!

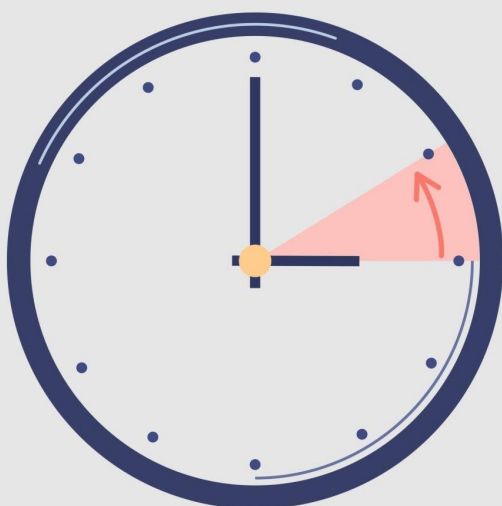
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Dates for your diary



Spring Forward



**Don't forget to set
clock ahead one hour
at 2 a.m. Sunday**

- Sunday 25th October: Clocks go back
- Monday 2nd November: School re-opens
- Friday 20th November: Children in Need Day
- Friday 27th November: INSET Day - School closed for children
- Monday 30th November: INSET Day - School closed for children
- Thursday 3rd December: Parents Group - Christmas Crafternoon (more details to follow)
- Tuesday 8th December: Lower Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance (more details to follow)

- Wednesday 9th December: Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance (more details to follow)
- Thursday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 11th December: Upper Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance (more details to follow)
- Friday 18th December: School closes for Christmas at 1pm

Contact Us



If you have any questions, feel free to contact the friendly team in the office on admin@acorns.lancs.sch.uk or give us a quick call!

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