



Dates for your diary

Monday 8th June – School Reopens

Tuesday 9th June – SEND Parents Meetings

Thursday 18th June – Delamere Forest Trip

Monday 22nd June – New Parent Meetings

Tuesday 7th July – School reports out

Monday 13th July – Parent drop in for reports

Wednesday 22nd July – Leavers' presentation and school fayre

Thursday 23rd July – Last day of term

Dear Families,

It has been a busy half-term in school with the children enjoying lots of activities and families joining us for our Stay and Play sessions. After the break, we are looking forward to our Community Picnic, a trip to Delamere Forest and our Summer Fayre. Please save the dates in your diaries!

The sun is shining as we approach the holidays, so we hope you enjoy the lovely weather and spending time with your families, and we look forward to seeing you after the break.

Thank you for your continued support,

Best wishes

Liane Johnson (Executive Headteacher)

2 Year Olds

The children have enjoyed exploring our core text, Jasper's Beanstalk, and they have loved bringing the story to life. They have planted beans, just like in the story, and we have been closely observing the changes and watching them grow each day. We have also talked about how to care for our beans and have really enjoyed watering them daily. We have transitioned back to our outdoor learning area with great excitement and enthusiasm. Recently we have added new resources, including a new mud kitchen, which everybody has had great fun exploring. This has encouraged lots of open-ended play, opportunities to learn new language, imaginative thinking and positive social interactions. The warmer weather over the past few weeks has really brought out our love of water play. The children have enjoyed using funnels to pour and tip the water. They have also loved splashing in the tuft trays with their shoes and socks off, showing lots of excitement. They have shown great independence when taking their shoes and socks on and off – well done everybody! We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in minibeast hunts, exploring the outdoor area and carefully digging in the soil to discover what tiny creatures might be hiding underneath. This hands-on experience encouraged the children to observe the natural world closely, ask questions, and develop a growing interest in living things and their habitats.

Photo Gallery



3 - 4 Year Olds

What a lovely half term with the weather improving! It has been wonderful to welcome new children, and they are settling very well into their small class with Jen. Our topic this half term has been 'How do we care for things?' which has enabled us to think about not only growing plants but also how we can care for each other. Our main focus has been understanding the life cycle of plants. We looked at a wide range of seeds, noticing that they are as different as the plants they produce. We have planted cucumbers, tomatoes and carrots and hope we are able to take care of them well enough to share their product for snack! The children have shown an interest in minibeasts, particularly worms, and we have tried to charm them to the surface by watering the soil and then stamping in our wellies. It worked! We filled our wormery and watched them burrow into the soil. We then made a welly cleaning station, which the children loved! Our core book is 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (which ties in with our topic). The children have loved the magical elements of the book, and we thought it would be **magnificent** (one of our vocabulary words) if they could grow their own beans at home. Amongst other things in maths, we have been looking at repeated patterns using a range of resources including natural objects e.g. – stone, stick, stone, stick. We have also been focusing on numerals to five. We wish you a lovely two weeks break and look forward to seeing you for the last half term in the academic year, and indeed, the last half term of all our leavers. How exciting, a new journey awaits 😊

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Highlights:

We have had a positive response to our stay and play sessions this half term, based around transitions.

It is always wonderful to welcome our parents/carers into nursery to share our learning, and we hope that during this stay and play, we were able to share some helpful tips for supporting your child with transitions.

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 AMELIA!



Governor Spotlight:



Hi, I'm Matthew Meazza, I work as a Management Accountant, and I'm pleased to use my experience to support the school. Originally from Burnham in South Buckinghamshire and now live/work in Widnes with my family and my two young boys, who keep life busy! Being a parent has made getting involved in education even more meaningful to me. I became a governor to give something back and support the school in providing the best possible experience for all pupils. It's great to be part of such a positive and welcoming community'

Charity Donation – Andy's Mans Club.

Unfortunately, due to the unpredictable weather at the start of the week, we had to call off our picnic, however, the staff and children still participated in coming to school dressed in something green. Through all your kind donations, we have managed to raise £50.00 across the federation. The children and staff have discussed the importance of the donations to helping people and chosen to donate the money to Andy's Mans Club.

Wraparound Care

Wrap around care is available 8am—5pm. If you would like a space, or to enquire about prices, please speak to Catherine or Lisa in the school office or email reception@affns.co.uk. Our nursery staff run these sessions, and the children have a varied breakfast and a variety of healthy snack options for after school. If you would like to see a menu, please contact the office, or view the website.

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 <https://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk> and select Early Years For more information regarding places, please contact the school office.

Attendance

It is very 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 (95%+) is good attendance



Amber (91-94%) is cause for concern



Red (below 90%) is poor

Snack Money for this half term is

Can we remind parents that snack is in addition to your child's nursery funding. Please pay for snacks 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 identified with your child's name and details.



Contacts

Telephone: 0151 424 4687

Email: sec@affns.co.uk

Or alternatively, message us through the Spider Parent App

Dropping off & Picking up Times

A reminder for 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 displayed and you will be asked to move.



Yellow Zig Zag Parking

Please do not park outside of nursery school on the yellow zigzags. These lines are for the safety of all the children.

