



## Newsletter

24.10.25

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to everyone who brought a pumpkin to school this morning, they are a fantastic sight in the Autumn sunshine. I do hope you all enjoyed taking part and congratulations to those taking home prizes this afternoon. I delegated this unenviable task to Mrs Knight and Mrs Coxon, so thank you to them as well!

We are ending this half-term on a really positive note and have much to celebrate. I was proud to show a number of headteachers around the school on Thursday. They were visiting our school specifically to watch maths being taught. I was very proud to show them around our school, the children were polite and fully engaged with learning. Our visitors were extremely impressed by the level of expertise and challenge provided by teachers and the way the children responded to this.

Thank you also to those of you who attended our session with Rachael Highfield this week. I hope you found this supportive.

Finally, I hope that you found parents evening a productive experience. We are committed to keeping you informed about your child's progress here at school. Once again I emphasize the importance of working in partnership with parents. Our teachers work incredibly hard to support children and this has the most impact when this is supported at home. I attended key stage 2 reading club at lunch time today and there were far too many children there! We ask for children to have three reading record entries every week and for reading records to be signed by parents. This is an expectation based upon the unequivocal belief that children need to be reading at home and this needs to be supported by parents. This in itself will ensure that children are well positioned to make progress at school and it is something everyone can do to support their child.

We will be starting our fortnightly Drop and Read sessions in Dormouse and Hedgehog classes on the 14<sup>th</sup> November from 8.45-9.15am, please come along and read with your child if you are able to.

I do hope that you will find time to take part in the half-term nature activity challenge. Hopefully we will have some fine weather over half-term and any funds raised will be gratefully appreciated by the school!

Please do enjoy the break and make the most of the rest. We are already thinking about Christmas here at school and the next half-term is often tiring!!

Mrs Newbold

## Poppy Sale

After half-term our School Ambassadors will be selling poppies to raise funds for the Royal British Legion at morning drop off. Please purchase a poppy and make a donation if you are able to.

## Pumpkins



## **Dates**

### **November**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Children back in school

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – Yr 3/4/5+6 Cross Country at The Weald

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Open day for 2026 Reception children 9.15am  
- PTA afternoon Tea 1.45-2.45pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> – Open day for 2026 Reception children 2.15pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Fox Class trip – Brighton Take Shelter

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – KS1 Multiskills Festival at The Weald

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – Stay and play session for 2026 Reception children 3.30-4.30pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – Hedgehog and Dormouse trip to Stanmer Park

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Stay and play session for 2026 Reception children 3.30-4.30pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Otter class assembly 2.45pm (parents/carers invited)

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Otter and Squirrel trip to Butser Ancient Farm  
- Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

### **December**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Dormouse and Hedgehog Drop and Read 8.45-9.15am

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Break up for Christmas holidays

### **January**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Children back in school