FS1 Newsletter November 2026

We have had a fantastic start to the school year! The children have settled; they have learnt all the routines of our day and they are coming into school smiling – well done Acorns.

Information and focus for Autumn term 2:

Communication and language	Personal, social and emotional development	Physical development
All children listen and stay focused in whole class discussions. They are starting to follow simple 1 and 2 step instructions and they can start a conversation with a familiar adult. We would encourage you to play small games at home, to support listening and turn taking.	Children can identify their own emotions and name them. They are starting to do things themselves including putting on their coat and they are beginning to practise using buttons and zips.	Children have been using their gross motor skills within dancing with scarves or claves and using the outdoor climbing frame to practise pulling themselves up. Children continue to develop their fine motor skills in a fun way using disco dough and holding a pencil correctly to mark make.
Literacy	**Mathematics**	**Understanding the world**
During phonics, we will continue learning a nursery rhyme a week, playing sound games, rhyming and what's in the box game using objects. Alongside this we will begin to learn letter sounds and encourage the children to hear words with these letter sounds. We will continue to read a new story each week, discussing the main characters and settings and lots of fun activities around this.	In maths, we will being looking further into patterns, shape and counting 1, 2 and 3. The children have begun subitising to 3 and will continue this.	We will talk about key historical events including Bonfire night and Remembrance Day. We will learn about the Christmas story. Forest adventures, will focus on the seasons Autumn and Winter and the changes in the weather. We will build dens and toast marshmallows.
Expressive arts and design	**Celebrations include: Bonfire Night**	**Remembrance Day**
Children will continue mark making, experimenting with colour to make pictures or using junk to make models. Children will learn actions and poems every week from Poetry basket.	Thursday 5th November. We will learn about Bonfire night and firework safety. 	Wednesday 11th November In Foundation, we learn about the importance of Remembrance Day. The children will make poppies which will be displayed at the front of the school. 

Nursery rhyme week	Christmas performance	Christmas celebration dates
Monday 9th – 13th November This year, we will be celebrating nursery rhyme week. Every day we will be learning a new nursery rhyme ready to perform in class. https://www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com/	More info to follow ……. 	• Christmas Panto experience in school – Wednesday 2nd December • Christmas Fayre – Friday 4th December • FS Christmas celebration in school, children come in their own festive clothes – Thursday 17th December School finishes – Friday 18th December 12:05pm