FS2 Newsletter October 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 Saplings and Seedlings. Over the half term holiday, we would like to encourage all children to continue to enjoy their reading books. We wish you all a fun and relaxing week.

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 becoming more skilled in using buttons and zips.	In gymnastic lessons, all children are developing their overall strength in balance and agility. Children continue to develop their fine motor skills, holding a pencil correctly to form known individual letters. They are starting to write their own names.
Literacy	**Mathematics**	**Understanding the world**
During phonics, we will continue to learn Phase 2 sounds: ff, ll, ss, j, v, w, x, y, z, zz, qu, ch, sh, th, ng, nk Children are encouraged to start to blend simple words to read: s-a-t-, m-a-t, p-e-ck… In Drawing club, we will read a new story each week, discussing the main characters and settings. Children have more control when making marks and drawing.	In maths, we will name and identify circles, triangles and shapes with 4 sides. We will explore shapes in our environment. We will subitise and represent numbers to 5. Children will explore 1 more and 1 less.	We will talk about key historical events including Bonfire night and Remembrance Day. In RE, we will learn about the Christmas story. Forest adventures, will focus on the season Autumn and the changes in the weather. We will make bird feeders and build dens.
Expressive arts and design	**Celebrations include: Bonfire Night**	**Remembrance Day**
Our art project focuses on the artist Mondrian. We will learn about primary colours red, blue and yellow and experiment mixing colours. 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 • Christmas lunch – Wednesday 16th December • FS Christmas celebration in school, children come in their own festive clothes – Thursday 17th December School finishes – Friday 18th December 12:05pm