



24th October 2025

Message from Mrs Norman

It has been a long half term and I think that we are all ready for a break. We can then return refreshed, ready for learning.....and Christmas preparations.

The children have been completing a Christmas fundraiser activity and details of this will come home in a couple of weeks for you to order if you wish. I will also try and confirm timings etc for our Christmas activities as early as I can.

After half term we will be launching our pre-loved uniform shop. It will be located on the playground and will be open at the end of school each day. As this will not be staffed, there will be an honesty box. We welcome donations of skirts, trousers etc which are in good condition and freshly washed. There will be a box in the shop where these donations can be left, but please ensure it is just uniform you are donating. Any coat hangers you no longer need are also welcomed.

Thank you for your ongoing support to the school and for supporting your child's learning.

Mrs Norman



Calendar Reminders



Half Term week Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October

New school term starts on MONDAY 3rd November.

Clubs

Tuesdays and Thursdays - Yr 1 - 6 After School Football Club 3:20 -4:20 p.m

Tuesday LUNCH time singing club - Yr 1 - Yr 6

P.E Days

Tuesdays - Rowan P.E

Wednesdays - Oak Swimming

Thursdays - Maple P.E

EVERY Friday - Whole school LEAF day - Outdoor P.E clothes, wellies and coats.

Upcoming Events -

Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th November - Parents evening.

Monday 10th November - 'Odd Socks Day'. Wear odd socks to school today!

Monday 17th November - 'Crafty Cuppa' for Rowan Class grown-ups 1:30 - 3:00 in the hall.

Tuesday 18th November - Bags2School collection. Make sure your bags are in school before this date please.

Monday 24th November - 'Crafty Cuppa' for Acorn Class grown-ups 1:30-3:00 in the hall.

[Acorn Class](#)



EYFS have been learning about Diwali. We have been looking at how Diwali is celebrated and how families prepare for the festival.

We have made Diya candles using clay and practising our fine motor skills, rolling the clay, pinching and moulding the clay. We have painted the Diyas and added sequins. We have been singing and dancing and writing about Diwali.

Reception children have been working hard on their phonic sounds and are now starting to blend words together. We have also been learning to write the sounds as well.

We are all ready for a relaxing half term ready for the next half term. Our topic next half term is light and dark: Space and then leading into Christmas. (YES, I have mentioned Christmas!)

We will also start working on the nativity- watch this space!







Maple Class



1 - Wow, LEAF day fun and laughter.



2 - It's surprising how you forget that it's 'school work' when you're outside in the fresh air.





3 - Some real concentration needed for writing in Maple class.



4 - Maple mathematicians working hard.



Rowan Class





The class have been creative and getting their hands wet making felt flowers.





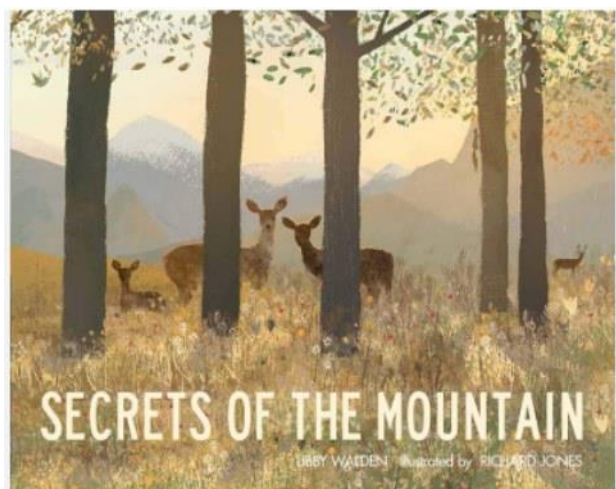


5 - French puppet making.

Oak Class



It was great to welcome parents to our first Crafty Cuppa. We thought about the images created by the descriptions in 'Secrets of the Mountain' and then we painted our own moon lit silhouette pictures.







We have been busy on LEAF days planting bulbs and harvesting the sunflower seeds, with the help of Maple class. We have a lot of seeds drying in our classroom!



School Attendance

Attendance Matters



I would like to share an image from the school's attendance information leaflet, following a recent conversation with some parents on attendance percentages and what they mean in terms of missed learning for a child. If like me a percentage of 80% and above seems respectable, as 100% would be the best possible attainment, then please read on. I was shocked to learn that 80% attendance means that over the year a child will have missed almost 8 weeks of learning. At 85% a child will have missed a whole half terms learning.

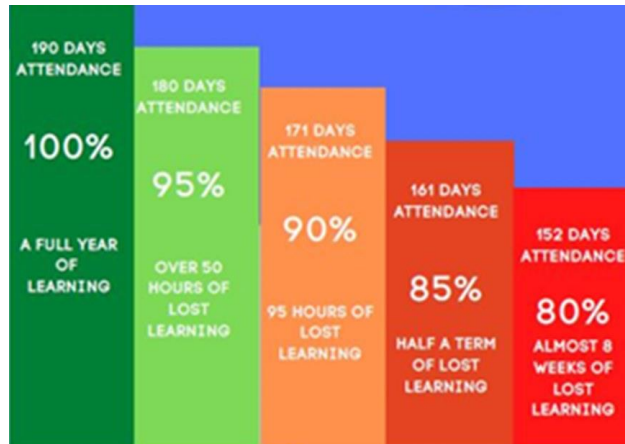
It only takes the odd day throughout the year for a child's attendance to suffer and their learning time to be impacted.

So, I would ask you all to please remember these figures. Be mindful of an odd day here and there, as they all add up over the school year. Should you, one day, find yourself having to decide whether your child should stay at home or go to school.... 'One day won't hurt' really isn't the case at all!

As always, should you wish to talk to a member of staff about your child's attendance please do either speak to their teacher, Mrs Norman, or myself.

It has been really encouraging to see fewer late arrivals since September and feedback from teachers is that morning routines in classrooms are having a positive effect on how quickly the children are settling into their day. Thank you all for your continued support.

Mrs Canning - School Attendance Officer



Certificates

<u>Acorn Class Certificates</u>	10 th October	17 th October	24 th October
Awesome Acorn	Oskar	Archei	Kaelan
Acorn Pride	Lennox	Louis	Leighton
Acorn Dojo	Dennis	Dennis	Ollie
<u>Maple Class Certificates</u>	10 th October	17 th October	24 th October
Maple Wow Writer	Henry	Elizabeth	Johnny
Maple Pride	Aria	Minnie	Asia
Maple Dojo	Madison	Myla	Logan
<u>Rowan Class Certificates</u>	10 th October	17 th October	24 th October
Rowan Wow Writer	Archie R	Florence	Lauren
Rowan Pride	Kyran	Ella	Archie D
Rowan Dojo	Bella	Evie	Alicia
<u>Oak Class Certificates</u>	10 th October	17 th October	24 th October
Oak Wow Writer	Oscar	Josh	Samuel
Oak Pride	Lucas	Alfie	Amy
Oak Dojo	Sophie	Molly	Tommy V



6 - The children are very excited about today's Halloween Disco and it's a great way to celebrate the enormous effort everyone has been putting into their learning.