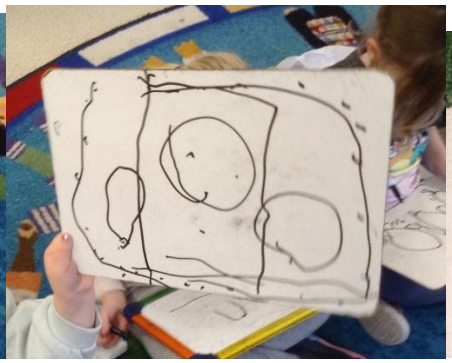
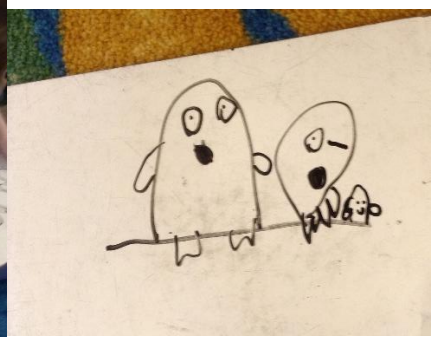
Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! I hope you had a lovely half term. Thank you to everyone who has returned their Wildlife Challenge sheets and to everyone who sent photos in of what they found. Photographs can be emailed to the school office.
This half term our topic is Colourful Me and we focus on a range of celebrations and festivals, including Christmas.

Over the holidays the fencing work for our forest school area was completed and we are really pleased with the work that has been done. We are now awaiting the arrival of a mud kitchen and we can start using the area.

This week our story of the week was The Big Red Bath and our rhyme of the week was 5 Little Fireworks. Our Concept Cat word of the week was Big. We have done lots of activities sorting objects that are big and "not big". Our Talk for Writing story for this half term is Owl Babies and we have begun to learn to recite the story. We have also had a go at drawing the baby owls.

We have also started to think about Remembrance Day and we have made Poppies for the school Remembrance Service on Wednesday 11th November. We have also been talking about Bonfire Night and Diwali. Diwali is the Hindu Festival of light and will be celebrated on Sunday 8th November. It is a time for families to get together, give presents and decorate their houses with bright lights. As part of learning about this festival we will be trying some Indian food at snack time.

Name Cards

Over the coming days we will be sending home a laminated name card. School teaches phonics using a scheme called Read Write Inc. It combines the phoneme

for each letter (how we say the letter) and a ditty to help to learn to write the letter. Eg



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Sound: mmmmm
Handwrite: Maisie, Mountain, Mountain.

We have made a name card for each child so that they can start to learn to recognise some of the letters in their name and begin to learn to write it. This is completely optional and will depend on whether your child is ready.

Our Value for this half term is trust. Trust is a really important value. It must be earned. If we do not trust someone it is very hard to build a good friendship with them. In Nursery we will talk about people who we know that are trustworthy, such as Police Officers and Doctors. We will also start to think about ways that we can show others that we are trustworthy.

Next week our story of the week is Owl Babies and our word of the week is DARK. Dark is a difficult word for us to teach in Nursery and we would be grateful if you could support us with teaching this word at home. I am sure there will be lots of opportunity with Bonfire Night coming up for you talk about and experience it being dark. It is also World Nursery Rhyme Week next week and we will be learning a new Nursery Rhyme each day, including



Hickory Dickory Dock
Doctor Foster
Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat
Row Row Row Your Boat
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive

Have a lovely weekend!

Regards
Mrs Price and the Nursery Team

Please Remember

A warm coat, hat and welly boots. A change of clothes.

A contribution towards snack.

RAGS 2 RICHES COLLECTION

We have a Rags 2 Riches collection arranged for Monday 9th November at 9am. Bags are to be left by the shed on the top playground.

Term Dates

w/b 16thNovember Anti-Bullying Week Wednesday
11th November Whole School Photos
Friday 13th November Children in Need Day

Nursery Nativity Play Friday 11th December at 9.15am
Friday 11th December Christmas Lunch in School
Tuesday 15th December Hat Parade & Party Day
Term ends Thursday 17th December 2026
Friday 18th December Teacher Training Day (children not in school)

Children start School Tuesday 5th January 2027
Half Term Monday 15th February– Friday 19th February
Term ends Thursday 25th March 2027

