WEEKLY 24TH OCTOBER 2025 A A

AUTUMN 1 - WEEK 7

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

What a fantastic week we've had – full of autumnal adventures and Halloween magic!

The children have had so much fun exploring pumpkins in every way imaginable – from mark making and painting to balancing and scooping. Our pumpkins have been more than just decorations – they've been the centre of creativity and learning!

If you're carving pumpkins at home over the break, don't forget to upload some photos to **Tapestry** – we'd love to share them with the children after half term.

Our mini munchkin pumpkins were a big hit too! The children particularly enjoyed the elastic band challenge, helping to develop their fine motor skills with careful, controlled movements. To top it all off, we had an amazing time dressing up in our fabulous Halloween costumes – thank you to everyone who took part! The children looked spook-tacular and had a brilliant time showing off their outfits.

We also had a blast at our Halloween Ball with Lisa from Little All Sports – there was kicking, balancing and a little booging to the music. A perfect way to end a fun-filled half term!

WELLIES AND SPARE CLOTHES

Over the half term, please take a moment to check that your child's wellies are clearly named, and that the spare clothes in their bags are suitable for the colder weather.

If your child comes into nursery wearing their wellies, please make sure they also have a pair of spare shoes in their bag. Thank you for helping us keep everyone warm, dry, and comfortable!



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weekly news

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break filled with fun and rest. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – it really means so much to us. You should have received a parent questionnaire this week; your feedback is incredibly helpful and very much appreciated as we continue to grow and improve. We will see on you Monday 3rd November.



OUTDOOR LEARNING

To go with our Pumpkins and Halloween theme indoors, the children enjoyed a magical Room on the Broom week outside! They acted out the story with puppets and a giant broom, mixed muddy potions, and used pegged-up story pictures to explore positional language. Creative learning continued with clay leaf pots, musical shakers, and planting tiny cress seeds in decorated cups. The children also explored nature through leaf and bark rubbings with watercolours, sand play, and lots of outdoor movement and games.

A wonderfully witchy week full of imagination, creativity, and muddy fun!

HARVEST DRIVE

A heartfelt thank you for your generous Harvest donations! Thanks to your kindness, we were able to give over 90kg of food to support local families.

IMPORTANT DATES

Half Term - 27th - 31st October Autumn 2 Starts - 3rd November School Applications Open - 3rd November

Mince Pies and Mingle - 11th December Christmas Holidays - 19th Dec - 5th Jan 26

Spring 1 Starts - 7th January 2026 School Applications Close - 15th January 2026

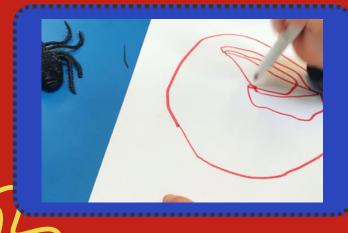
HOME LEARNING IDEAS

- Pumpkin Painting or Decorating Use paints, stickers, googly eyes or glitter to decorate pumpkins - no carving needed!
- Pumpkin Mark Making Explore the inside of a pumpkin using spoons or fingers, or use pumpkin seeds for counting and creative art.
- Threading and Wrapping Wrap wool or string around cardboard shapes (like pumpkins or leaves), or thread pasta/beads onto string for decorations.
- Autumn Story Time Read seasonal books like Room on the Broom, Pumpkin Soup or We're Going on a Leaf Hunt, and talk about the stories or act them out.
- Leaf Hunt & Collage Collect leaves and autumn treasures on a walk, then create a collage or do leaf rubbings with crayons and paper.
- Spooky Songs & Dancing Sing
 Halloween favourites (like 5 Little
 Pumpkins) and have a mini dance party
 using scarves or glow sticks.
- Tapestry Time Don't forget to upload any photos or videos from your half term fun to Tapestry - we love seeing them!

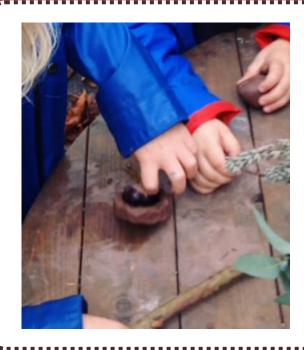
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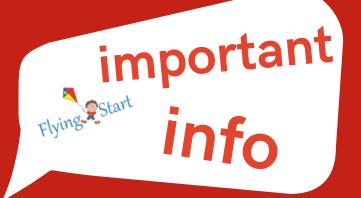












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Dear Parents/Guardians.

Don't miss the chance to have your child's artwork turned into beautiful Christmas cards, poster calendars, mugs, gift labels, our fabulous waffle textured tea towels, or our **brand new keyrings and fridge magnets, tote bags, and snowblocks!**

It's that time of year again and your child will either have already created their own special Christmas design at school/nursery, or will have brought the materials to do it home. This is a great opportunity to turn their creation into a range of professionally printed products, which you are able to purchase for family and friends this Christmas.

£1.00 from the sale of each product will go straight back to the school/nursery or PTA!

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Please complete the form on the reverse of your child's artwork and return it to the school by the date printed - you will not need to place an order at this stage. Once we have received your form we will send you a text and an email containing your order link which you can follow to your child's ordering portal. From here, you can place your order and make payment.

Please note we cannot accept any late orders after the online portal has closed.

Many thanks & we look forward to receiving your order.

Our very best wishes,

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Term Time Pre-School dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term (14 weeks)

Monday 8th September 9.30 - 11.00: Stay and Play session (New Children)

Tuesday 9th September - Friday 24th October

Half Term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

Monday 3rd November – Thursday 18th December



Spring Term (11 weeks)

Monday 5th January - Friday 13th February

Half Term - Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th March



Summer Term (13 weeks)

Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May

Half term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June - Thursday 16th July

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Friday 17th July 9.30 - 11.00:

Stay and Play Session (New Children)

