

HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

This week has been all things Halloween! The children have loved exploring pumpkins of all shapes, sizes and colours, there's been so much excitement and curiosity. They've been busy mixing, scooping, and discovering what's inside the pumpkins, using their hands and tools to explore the textures and smells. It's been such a fun, sensory-filled experience that's sparked lots of lovely conversations and imaginative play.

The pumpkins have also given us some fantastic opportunities to strengthen our fine motor skills this week. The children have been using tweezers to carefully pick up pumpkin seeds and move them from one pot to another showing such great concentration and control.

They've also had lots of fun mark-making on the pumpkins, using different coloured pens to draw, doodle, and even have a go at writing. It's been wonderful to see their creativity and confidence growing through play.



EXPLORE. LEARN AND DISCOVER!

The children have really loved exploring the playdough this week, putting into practice all the skills they've been developing during our Dough Disco sessions – squeezing, rolling, pinching, and splatting the dough with great enthusiasm!

We've seen lots of wonderful creations, from funny faces to cookies, cakes, and doughnuts. It's been such a joy to watch their imaginations come to life.

We had lots of fun in the hall this week following a Joe Wicks exercise video. The children practised warming up their bodies, making different shapes, and exploring a range of movements. They were fantastic at following the instructions and showed great concentration and balance, there were lots of smiles and giggles along the way too.



In Forest School this week, the children had a wonderful time exploring the woods and spotting signs of Autumn. They collected natural objects to bring back to the nursery to explore and play with, and also enjoyed making bark and leaf rubbings. It was fantastic to see their curiosity and creativity in action as they engaged with the natural world around them.

A big thank you to everyone who came along to Parents Evening, it was so lovely to meet with you all and share how well your children are getting on at Nursery. For anyone who wasn't able to make an appointment this time, please do let me know if you'd like to arrange one, and we'll be happy to set that up after half term.

I want to say a big thank you for all your support since we've been back and for such a lovely welcome to the team. It has been an absolute joy watching the children settle in or settle back in, and seeing them explore, play, and learn together. We hope you all have a wonderful half term, and we look forward to seeing you once everyone is back.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 3rd November - First day back after half term

**HAVE A LOVELY HALF TERM
SOPHIE AND THE TEAM**