



**Hedgehogs**  
NURSERY

# HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

## Exploring Our Feelings

This week in nursery, we have been thinking about our feelings and exploring the different emotions we experience. We enjoyed reading *The Colour Monster* and using the story to help us recognise and talk about some of our big feelings, as well as exploring ways to manage them.

The children were also introduced to two special dolls, Pip and Daisy, who shared their feelings with us. They asked the children for ideas about what they could do when feeling sad, angry or worried. The children shared some lovely suggestions and began thinking about how we can help ourselves and others when we experience these emotions.

Through stories, discussions and play, we are helping the children to understand that all feelings are okay and that there are lots of positive ways to express and manage them.



**Oliver's Battery**  
PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

## Forest School Fun!

We had lots of fun at Forest School this week! The children enjoyed getting creative with leaf rubbing, exploring their balance and coordination on the slackline, and expressing themselves through painting. It was wonderful to see the children exploring the natural environment, trying new activities and developing their skills through outdoor play.



## Exciting New Plans for Nursery!

We have some exciting new developments happening in nursery!

### Children's Snack Preparation

We are developing our morning snack routine to involve the children more in preparing their own food. Using child-safe equipment, the children have been chopping and preparing our morning snacks. This hands-on experience has supported lots of valuable learning, including early maths skills such as counting and measuring, language development through discussing foods and actions, and social skills such as sharing, turn-taking and working together. We are excited to continue building the children's independence and confidence through these everyday experiences.





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## Introducing Our Home Learning Lending Library

From next week, we will be introducing a lending library of home learning bags for families to borrow and enjoy together at home. Each bag will focus on an area of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum and will include ideas and activities to support your child's learning in a fun and engaging way.

You will find the bags by the nursery door at drop-off and collection. Simply choose a bag, sign it out, enjoy the activities at home, and return it when you have finished so another family can borrow it.

We would love to hear your feedback and thoughts on the bags, including which activities your children enjoy and any ideas you have for future bags. We hope these will be a lovely way to share your child's learning between nursery and home!



## Maths Champions Programme

Our nursery class is taking part in the Maths Champions programme, funded by the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) and delivered by the National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA).

The programme supports staff to develop their knowledge of early maths and provide more opportunities for children to learn through everyday play.

What will my child learn?

Children will explore:

- Counting and numbers.
- Shapes, sizes and patterns.
- Sorting, comparing and problem-solving.

How can I help at home?

Make maths fun by counting together, singing number rhymes, playing games and spotting shapes and patterns in everyday life.

Look out for more ideas on future Newsletters.

Together, we can build children's confidence and love of maths!

For more information, please speak to a member of the nursery team.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- End of Autumn 1 Friday 23rd October
- Start of Autumn 2 Monday 2nd November

### Pumpkin Trail – Monday 19th October

We're excited to hold our Pumpkin Trail again this year! Last year's creations were fantastic, and we loved seeing so many families enjoy the trail together.

If you'd like to take part, please bring your pumpkin to school first thing on Monday 19th October (not before) and place it beside a cone on the trail.

The children will enjoy the pumpkins during the day before the trail opens to families after school. Our lovely PTA will be selling hot chocolate, drinks and snacks to raise funds. There's no obligation to buy, but your support is always appreciated.

Please take your pumpkin home between 4.15–4.30pm, or collect it from the top playground on Tuesday 20th October.

We can't wait to see your wonderfully creative pumpkins!  

## Parents' Evenings – October 2026

Our Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday 13th October and Wednesday 14th October 2026.

Book your Parents' Evening appointment:

<https://calendar.app.google/zUvTnnrD3dQ7agv28>

We look forward to speaking with you and sharing your child's progress.

## CHARLOTTE AND THE TEAM

