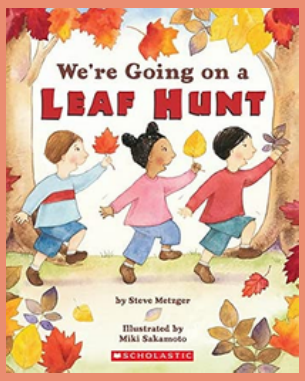
HEDGEHOGS NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER



🍂 Autumn Adventures: Pumpkins, Colourful Leaves and Conker Creations! 🦔🎃

What a fantastic first half term we've had in Hedgehogs. The children have settled in beautifully, made new friends and enjoyed lots of fun, learning and exploring.

This week in Hedgehogs, we started to think all about Autumn and the wonderful changes that this season brings!

We began by exploring our Forest School area and noticing how it has changed as we move into the new season. We then went on a very exciting pumpkin walk to admire all of the amazing pumpkins that had been brought into school by our wonderful Oliver's Battery school community. Thank you to everyone who contributed!





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On Wednesday and Thursday, we enjoyed welly walks around the school grounds. We wrapped up warmly, put on our wellies and headed outside to explore. The children were fantastic at spotting the seasonal changes around them and collecting some autumn treasures along the way. We discovered lots of beautiful, colourful leaves and enjoyed looking closely at the different colours and shapes.



Indoors, we continued our autumn learning by talking about the clothes we wear during this time of year. We thought about how the weather is changing and how we might need to dress to keep ourselves warm and dry.



We also had lots of fun getting creative with leaf printing and conker rolling with paint! Using red and yellow paint, we printed leaves and rolled conkers around to create wonderful patterns and marks. The children discovered that when red and yellow are mixed together, they make orange — a perfect autumn colour! It was lovely to see the children exploring, experimenting and enjoying the process of creating their own autumn artwork.

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🦔 Maths at Home: Measuring in Everyday Moments!

In maths, we are continuing to explore how we can support the children's mathematical development through everyday routines at Nursery.

This week, we are focusing on measure and how we can discover mathematical ideas through simple activities at home.

🏡 Ideas to try at home:

- **Getting dressed**: Compare the lengths of socks, sleeves or trousers. Can you find the longest or shortest?
- **Bath time fun**: Explore filling and emptying different-sized cups and containers. Which holds the most? Which holds the least?
- **Helping in the kitchen**: Talk about pouring, filling and emptying as you prepare food. Can you fill a cup halfway or find a bigger bowl?
- **Going for a walk**: Look at objects around you. Can you find a big stick and a little stick, or a long leaf and a short leaf?
- **Measuring with your feet**: Look at the shoes in your house. Who has the longest shoes? Which shoes are the shortest? Can you put some shoe sin order from shortest to longest?

💡 Our top tip: Use mathematical language naturally during your daily routines, such as big, small, long, short, tall, heavy, light, full and empty. There is no need for worksheets or formal activities — simply talking, playing and exploring together helps children develop their early mathematical understanding.

Have fun discovering maths in the little moments of everyday life! 🧡

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📚 Nursery Reminder – Library Visits & School Houses

A quick reminder of a couple of updates from last week's newsletter:

📚 Library Visits – Tuesdays and Fridays

After half term, the children will visit the school library on Tuesdays and Fridays to choose a book to take home. Please bring in a named book bag to keep books safe. If your child doesn't attend on these days, they can still change their book when they are in Nursery.

Book bags are available from Direct4Logos online or by calling 01794 511 550.

🏡 School Houses

Emails have been sent with your child's school house colour information. If you haven't received yours, please speak to a member of the Nursery team.

Coming up after half term: Halloween memories and pumpkins 🍂

After half term, we will be talking about the children's Halloween experiences and sharing any exciting stories about their costumes, decorations and celebrations. We will also be exploring pumpkins through a range of fun, hands-on activities, investigating their colours, shapes, textures and what we might find inside! The children will have opportunities to develop their language, creativity and curiosity as we count, compare, investigate and create together.



It's been such a joy watching the children grow and shine this half term! Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely half term together and look forward to more fun and adventures when we return! 🦔💛

Warm wishes,

CHARLOTTE AND THE TEAM 🦔🍁

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Start of Autumn 2 Monday 2nd November
- Autumn Disco Wednesday 4 November 2026
- Flu Vaccines Thursday 5 November 202
- School Photographer – Individual photos Thursday 19 November 2026
- MHST Emotion Regulation Workshop Tuesday 1 December 2026 9 – 10.30am
- Wreath Making Workshop Friday 11 December 2026
- INSET DAY Friday 12 February 2027
- INSET DAY Friday 25 June 2027
- INSET DAY Monday 28 June 2027





