



FRIDAY ROUND UP



16th October 2026



MESSAGE FROM MR FARRELL

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been another busy and positive week in school. It was lovely to welcome families to our KS1 reading workshops, and I would like to thank the staff for organising and running these sessions. The workshops provided a valuable opportunity for parents to find out more about how we teach reading in school and to explore some of the strategies we use to support the children as they develop their reading skills. Sharing books, talking about stories and encouraging children to practise their reading regularly all play such an important part in building confidence, fluency and a love of reading. Working in partnership with families makes such a difference to the children's progress and enjoyment of reading.

We are also incredibly proud of our school choir, who sang beautifully at the Mayor's Civic Service in Godmanchester at the weekend. It was a real privilege for the children to be invited to take part in such a special occasion, celebrating our local community and bringing together people from across Godmanchester. The choir sang with great confidence and enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see them representing our school so positively. Opportunities like this allow the children to share their musical talents beyond the classroom, develop their confidence as performers and experience the joy of being part of something bigger than themselves. They should be very proud of the contribution they made to the service, helping to create a warm and uplifting atmosphere for this important community celebration. A huge thank you to Mrs Rees for all her time, care and enthusiasm in preparing the choir, encouraging the children and supporting them to take part in such a memorable occasion. We are very grateful for her dedication and for the opportunity this gave our children to be involved in such a meaningful local event.

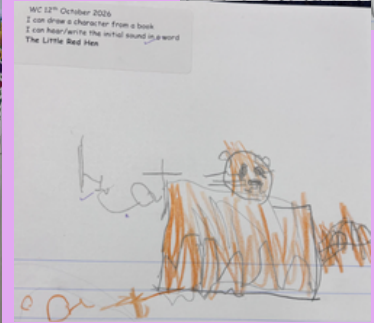
As the weather turns colder and wetter, please remember to send your child to school with a warm, waterproof coat each day. We aim to get outside as much as possible, whatever the weather, so having the right clothing makes a real difference and helps the children enjoy their time outdoors comfortably. Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Have a great weekend
Mr Farrell

CLASSROOM NEWS

CLASS R- WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have been learning about Harvest. We learnt the different types of fruit, vegetables and crops that are harvested this time of year and made a collaborative art display to celebrate and give thanks to God. We drew and labelled the characters from our core story- The Little Red Hen; who grows wheat to make into bread with very little help from her friends!



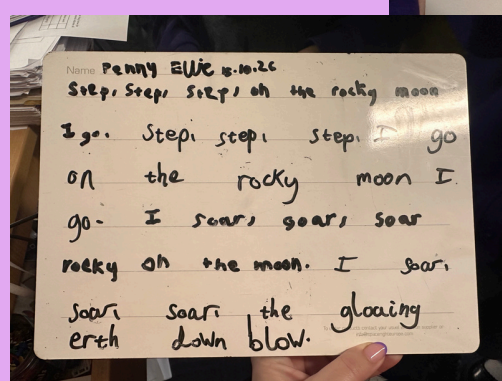
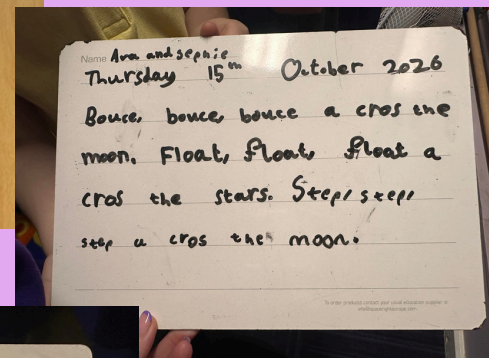
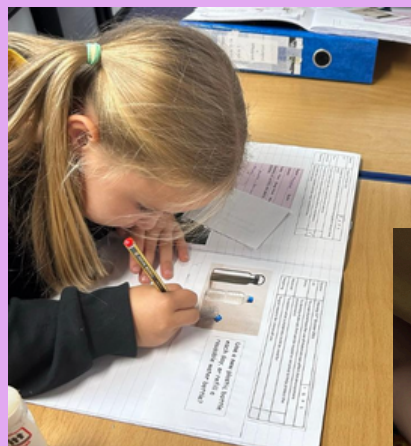
CLASS 1- BEECH CLASS

Beech Class have had a great week both in and out of class. They gave a wonderful performance at the Harvest Festival and have continued to enjoy Forest School. In class they have produced some wonderful writing based on the three little pigs and have been working hard at learning our new song in music.



CLASS 2- MAPLE CLASS

In Science Maple Class have been think about sustainability and how we can reuse and recycle materials. This week in English, we have been exploring poetry and looking at how poets use interesting vocabulary and repetition to make their poems exciting and engaging. We have started planning and writing our own space-themed poems, focusing on choosing effective nouns and adjectives to create descriptions. The children have also been experimenting with repeating words and phrases to bring their poems to life! 🚀🌕



SEND: Hints and Tips by Miss Tavender

Supporting Children Who Find Coming to School Difficult

Sometimes children may feel anxious or reluctant to come to school. This can be challenging for both children and parents, but a calm, consistent and supportive approach can make a real difference.



Here are some strategies that may help:



- ✓ Get up
- ✓ Get ready
- ✓ Breakfast
- ✓ School

Establish a routine

Keep morning routines predictable and allow plenty of time to get ready.



Acknowledge feelings

Listen to your child's worries and reassure them that it is okay to feel anxious.



Be positive

Talk about the enjoyable parts of the school day and celebrate small successes.



Stay calm and consistent

Offer reassurance while maintaining clear, positive expectations about attending school.



Work together

If difficulties persist, please speak to your child's class teacher so that we can work in partnership to understand their worries and identify appropriate support.



Remember, you are not alone.

Working together, we can help children feel safe, confident and ready to learn.



DON'T FORGET

Please remember to order your child's school lunch for after half term on Arbor.
Any problems please let us know.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 20th Oct - Class R Grandparents Afternoon Tea 2pm-3pm

Tuesday 20th Oct - PTA Christmas Fayre Planning and AGM - 8pm

Wed 21st - Fri 23rd Oct - Y6 Residential Trip

Thurs 22nd Oct - Class R Vision Screening

Thurs 22nd Oct - Class 5 Assembly

Mon 26th - Fri 30th Oct - HALF TERM

Monday 2nd Nov - Sign up to Parent Consultations

Tues 3rd Nov - Class R Stay and Play 1.15pm - 2.15pm

Thurs 5th Nov - Class R Stay and Play 9.15am- 10.15am

Fri 6th Nov - School Disco

Do Some Art

Thank you to all those who entered the Do Some Art competition. We had lots of fantastic entries making the PTA's job very hard to judge the winners.

Well done to the following children who were selected as the class winners.



Class R - Lucie

Class 1 - Chidera

Class 2 - Edith

Class 3 - Joyce

Class 4 - Isla

Class 5 - Joseph

Class 6 - Jack

A big thank you to all our wraparound care families!

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for embracing the change to paying for wraparound care upfront. Your support and cooperation have made a real difference in helping us keep our accounts up to date and ensuring our service continues to run smoothly.

Having payments made in advance helps us manage our finances more effectively and means we can focus on providing the best possible care for your children, rather than spending time chasing outstanding payments.

We really appreciate your understanding, support and continued cooperation. Thank you for helping us make this change such a success!

Mini Anne's
Baby and Toddler Group
0 - 4 years

Fridays
9.10am till 10.20am

At St Anne's primary school

Term time only.

Please meet near the main gate and there is a bell to let me know you are here.

Play Learn Make Friends Have Fun!