



U – Understanding each other and being united. (Autumn 2)



Golden Certificates



Well done to:-

Oak - Freya, Oakley & George T

Ash - Rahim

Birch - Florence

Beech - Mateo

Willow - Raees

Maple - Nimah

Golden Lunchtime Behaviour:-

Well done to:- Nimah (Maple) for always being a pleasure

Bertie's Bonus

Winners



Ash & Willow - Well Done!

Dates for your diary:



- ◆ 10.11.2025 - Odd Sock Day
- ◆ Manzoor's Book Fair
- ◆ 14.11.2025 - Children in Need Day - Non Uniform Day £1 donation
- ◆ 14.11.2025 - Birch Forest School
- ◆ 17.11.2025 - Flu Vaccine programme Reception to Year 2
- ◆ 18.11.2025 - Parent drop in with Solihull Nursing Team - School Hall 2.30pm
- ◆ 21.11.2025 - 1st Donation Day - Hamper donations wear crazy tights/socks
- ◆ 21.11.2025 - Ash Forest School



Weekly Attendance



Well done to Willow this week For being Attendance Superstars, with an amazing 98%

Oak	Ash	Birch	Beech	Willow	Maple
91.2%	95.2%	94.3%	97.5%	98%	96.9%

Nursery

What an exciting first week back! We started the week with an Autumnal walk where we explored different parts of the school grounds which we had not seen before. We looked at the trees and talked about what we could see. On Friday, we launched our new *Seasonal Light* topic with our Super Starter; Mr Cotterell came and talked to us about his firework business and we enjoyed a sparkler and hot chocolate around the fire pit! What a treat! In Maths, we have been practicing stable counting forwards and backwards and counting objects up to 3 in our play. **Phonics:** Next week our sound will be 'a'. **Rhyme Time**—Next week we will be exploring the nursery rhyme *Hickory Dickory Dock*.

Reception

We hope you have all had a lovely half term break. It has been a great first week back in Reception! We launched our Super Starter for our *Seasonal Nature* topic where we got to go and explore the outdoor area and venture into the spinney. We've also been learning about Bonfire Night and made some colourful crafts relating to it. In Phonics, we have recapped the graphemes: u, n, k, e, h Next week in **Phonics** we will learning the graphemes: ff, ss, ll, j

Year 1 - We have had an excellent week back in Year 1. In English, we started our new text, *Goldilocks and Just One Bear* which the children have very much enjoyed so far! We have learned lots about postcards as part of our first writing genre, Letters. The children have even written a postcard of their own as the Bear character from our text—impressive! This week in Maths we have been focusing on subtraction and exploring subtraction sentences. In Science, we have been testing different materials to see if they are transparent or opaque. As part of our Geography learning, Year 1 have created their own pirate flag design and have made a pirate job application each. Perhaps we will have some people journeying out to sea!

Next week's Phonics focus: ai, ay, ow, ou, oi, oy, ea, ir, ur

Year 2 - What a wonderful first week back for Year 2! The children have returned well-rested and have applied themselves brilliantly to their learning. In Maths, they have been exploring 2D shapes—identifying and describing their properties, and sorting them using tables, Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams. In English, we started our new text, *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*. The children enjoyed collecting exciting adjectives to describe fireworks and even created their own beautiful firework scenes using black paper and chalk for their first writing genre, Animal Stories. In History, the children began learning about the life of Queen Victoria. They sequenced key events from her life and had fun stepping into character to answer questions as Queen Victoria herself! In D&T, the children explored different picture frames, identifying their key features and analysing real-life examples. Well done Year 2—you've had a fantastic start to the half term!

Next week's Spelling focus: doubling consonants at the end of words and in some longer words ending in -er

Forest School Update

Before half term, Maple class had a super time at Forest School. Our session had a lovely Autumn feel and the spinney was looking particularly beautiful. We spent time collecting fallen leaves and observing their colours, before creating some interesting mud sculptures. Maple children also made a surprising discovery. We found an abandoned toy jeep near to the 'Forest Friends Tree'. Had they been using this to explore the spinney when we weren't there? We look forward to sharing this find with the rest of school!



Other School News!

Primary BOOKS

Each class will be visiting the Primary Books Book Fair during the school day on **Tuesday 11th November**. Children will be bringing home a letter and envelope for this. Please send your child's Book Fair money into school in the envelope provided with their name clearly written on the front. Thank you!

Appointments

Whenever possible, book appointments outside school hours.

If this is not possible, please share the appointment letter with the school beforehand.

Earlier this week a leaflet was sent 'Advice on sending your child to school'. Please see information regarding appointments (medical and dental).



Solihull Nursing Team will be offering a drop-in session for all parents on **Tuesday 18th November** at 2.30pm in school. This is a great opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have or to find out more about the range of services the team provides.

Parent Links

Little Wandle

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Solihull Family Hub

www.solihull.gov.uk/family-hubs



Join the PTA!



If you can spare any time to help with any PTA events please contact the office! We really appreciate any help. Thank you.