



WELFORD-ON-AVON PRIMARY SCHOOL

NURSERY NEWS

10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for joining us at our first Nursery assembly! It was a truly special moment watching the children sing their Harvest song with such confidence, and share what they've learned about the importance of harvest time. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them — they did an amazing job and brought smiles to all our faces.

This week in Nursery, we've continued our exciting journey learning about Harvest and how it is celebrated in different cultures and faiths.

After exploring how Christians celebrate Harvest, we have been finding out about the Jewish festival of Sukkot, which began on Monday and lasts for seven nights. The children discovered that during Sukkot, families build a special shelter called a sukkah in their garden. It has three walls and a roof made of branches and leaves, with gaps so you can still see the sky — a lovely way to feel connected to nature and give thanks.

To bring this learning to life, we built our very own classroom sukkah! The children have loved using props like bowls, bread, fruit, honey, and battery-operated candles to role-play a Sukkot celebration. Our sukkah even has a willow branch roof, just like the real thing!

This hands-on experience has helped the children understand the importance of gratitude, sharing meals, and spending time with family— values that are celebrated across many cultures during Harvest time.

A Special Request from the Little Red Hen!

This week, the children were thrilled to receive a letter from the Little Red Hen, who is opening her very own bakery! She asked for their help in writing a shopping list full of ingredients for her delicious treats. The children have been busy creating their own lists, thinking carefully about everything she might need to get baking. What a fun and imaginative way to practise our writing skills!

To continue the fun, we then put our own baking skills to the test on Monday by making bread together – it was a wonderful, hands-on experience that everyone enjoyed!

Phonics

In phonics we have continued to listen to and distinguish between sounds in the environment. As well as some fun sounds, we have also listened carefully to sounds in the environment and attribute them to the correct images.

Nursery rhymes also feature very highly during our phonics sessions. This week we have sung Ring-a-ring O' Roses.

Maths

We have now come to the end of our learning about **matching and sorting**.

The children have been exploring how to group objects by things like colour, shape, and size. They have also been thinking carefully and talking about *why* they have sorted things in certain ways.

We have encouraged them to notice what is the same or different in a group, and begin to talk about their findings, which has been great for building thinking and language skills.

How you can help at home:

- Let your child help sort laundry (e.g. socks by colour or size).
- Play with toys like blocks or buttons and ask, "How could we sort these?"
- Go on a nature walk and collect leaves or stones—then sort them together by shape, colour, or texture.
- Use snack time to sort foods (e.g. raisins vs crackers) and talk about what makes them different.



Expressive Art

Linking our art to Sukkot, we have been creating photo frames shaped like a sukkah using wooden lolly sticks, and decorating the roofs with greenery and fruits to reflect the traditional sukkah shelters.

As part of our Design and Technology (DT) learning, the children have also explored how to use a tape dispenser safely. They have practiced shaping newspaper into the shape of a fruit or vegetable before using masking tape to hold their creations together. These are now ready for painting.

Forest Kings, Queens and Explorers!

Inspired by a message from our Woodland Friends, we gathered leaves of all shapes, sizes, and autumn colours to create our very own leaf crowns. With our crowns proudly on our heads, we transformed into forest kings, queens, and brave explorers, ready to discover the wonders of the woodland world!

TEAMS

Thank you to those who attended our Parents Evening on Monday. I hope that you found this informative. Our next meetings are on Monday 13th and 20th October.

Outdoor learning

A reminder that your child needs to bring in their outdoor learning kit every Wednesday. Clothing must be clearly named and inside a bag with their name on the outside.

British Values

As part of our British Values, this term we are supporting children to develop good self-help skills and table manners within the setting.

You can help at home by encouraging your child to:

- Become more independent with taking off and putting on their shoes and coat.
- Sit at the table together and use a knife and fork correctly.
- Practice basic table manners to support everyday social interactions.

Illness Guidelines

It is important that we all follow the correct guidelines for illness:

- If your child has a temperature they should not be in school.
- If your child has needed Calpol or similar during the night or before school, they are not fit to attend.
- If your child is ill, telephone the school office between 9.00am and 9.15am, giving a brief message about why they will not be attending.
- If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must not return until 48 hours after the last bout of illness.

Many thanks for your continued support. If you have any questions about any of the above, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs M Sims
Nursery Class Teacher

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener."
— Robert Frost