# Why Do Leaves Change Color in Autumn?Foundation Stage Newsletter

# Autumn 2025

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# Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to your new school! It has been such a lovely first week back, with all the children enjoying their new classroom, exploring the classroom both inside and outside and having fun. The children have had a great week and are settling in really well. It has been lovely to watch the children play and talk to them about their family and friends. Thank you for persevering with us and giving your children the opportunity to attend school for a morning or afternoon session. It is very important that we have had the time to really get to know each child individually and build a relationship. Please feel free to discuss any worries with us at the school gate, we are always more than happy to talk to you.

**Routines**

The children will be spending time getting used to the school routines – carpet time, snack time, phonics time, lunch time, lining up for home time, tidy-up time and listening time. We have a range of ways to support the children in understanding these routines. We sing songs, ring a bell and clap our hands and other imaginative ways. You may find that the children come home singing songs and pretending to be the teacher!

**Outdoors**

We always have our doors open and the children have the opportunity to access the outdoor provision all day. As a result of this, we do ask that the children are well-equipped for the British weather. Please ensure all children bring:

* Wellies {we do have some spare in school}
* Waterproof coat
* Spare underwear {if required}

**Phonics**

At the start of the year, we ensure the children have time to settle in to their new school and friendships. We will be starting the phonics programme on Monday 15th September. We are following the systematic phonics programme called ‘Little Wandle’. Each child will be given a ‘sound book’ with the phonemes they are learning each week. A phonics workshop will be set up and you are invited into school to attend this session in the Foundation classroom. It is certainly worth attending to gain a better insight in to how we teach phonics in our reception. Please attempt to organise childcare where possible. This session will be on **Thursday 18th September at 5.30pm** for approximately 30 minutes. It will be held in early years. Please enter the school via the office area.If you are unable to attend this meeting, we will upload the PowerPoint and resources on to our school website for you to browse.

**Reading books**

When the children are ready, they will be given a reading book to read at home. This reading book should be placed in their book bags and brought to school each day. Additional information will be sent to parents nearer the time.

**PE days**

This term the **PE day is on a Friday.**  Please ensure your child comes in to school with their PE clothes on. Just to remind you of our clothing expectations - white PE t-shirt, black leggings, tracksuit bottoms or shorts and black PE pumps or trainers. In these sessions we will encourage the children to practise their skills of climbing and balancing on the apparatus in the hall. When the weather improves we will spend time on the MUGA playing more team games. Your child can stay in their PE kits throughout the day so do not require additional school clothes to change in to.

**Snack**

As well as having free access to fruit during the day, each morning we provide milk and a more substantial snack from the school kitchen, such as jam sandwiches, buttered teacakes, pancakes, crumpets and bread and butter. **Please sign up on Arbor if you wish your child to have snack.** Please can you make sure your child continues to bring a named water bottle in to school every Monday. These can be taken home on Fridays to be washed. We do encourage the children to drink water throughout the day.

**Parents Meetings**

Parents meetings are available on **Tuesday 21st October and Thursday 23rd October.**  Nearer the time, you will need to access Arbor to choose a specific time to meet the class teacher for an informal chat about your child. We will discuss how each child has settled in to their new school and friendships they have made.

**Stay and Play Sessions for Parents**

Later this term we will be asking all parents to sign up for a Stay and Play session with their child. It is a great opportunity for you to have a look inside their classrooms and play with your child. We always ensure that these sessions are later on after half term, therefore allowing the children time to settle in. These dates will be: **Monday 17th November, Wednesday 19th November and Friday 21st November.** You will be able to book a suitable day on Arbor nearer the time.

**Requests! 😊**

We are always in need of replenishing our indoor and outdoor provision resources and so we wanted to request any items you may be clearing out.

Metal small pots and pans and utensils

Sylvanian family type characters

Dolls/baby clothes

Empty pump soap dispensers

A pram for the dolls

Metal colanders and metal dishes for the water area

Junk modelling

Clean knickers/underpants/socks for our cloakroom (just in case!)

Thank you for all your co-operation and support. Any concerns, no matter how small, please come and speak to us.

The Foundation Stage Team