

October 2025 Newsletter

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Welcome to our latest newsletter.

Saplings News

Wow what a great start to the new school year we have had, with so many new friends joining us. We have had a refresh of some of the indoor areas which the children have loved to see. The classroom has been buzzing with lots of learning, fun and exciting play opportunities. Our learning power this term is Exploring. Through activities and play we have been helping the children develop in areas, learning skills such as sharing ideas, colour mixing, developing friendships and listening skills.

Firstly, we started our learning journey learning all about ourselves. We used mirrors for self-portraits, made playdough faces and enjoyed the colour monster stories and role play, learning about different emotions.



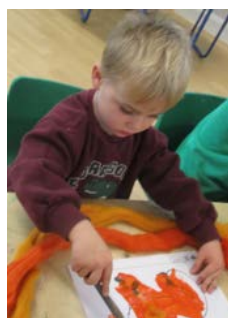
Saplings Reminders

- Please ensure your child's belongings are named, including water bottle, this can help to relocate lost items with the right owner as soon as possible
- **FUNDING - New funding forms will be given out W/C 10.11.25 and need to be returned by 1.12.2025.**
- If your child has needed calpol prior to their day starting at pre-school, they need to be kept at home
- There should only be water in your child's bottle, not juice please
- For packed lunches, a reminder we are a nut-free school and follow the Eat Well guide (see attached), items such as chocolate spread/bars, pesto pasta and sweets are not allowed
- Please be reminded we do not allow toys to be brought into Saplings. We have more than ample resources for the children to use here, and it usually results in upset as other children take them or they get lost.
- At pick up please ensure you allow space around the door for us to safely send children out to all parents. We will be with you as quickly as we can, it can be difficult with too many parents close to the door to make sure the children can see where they are going.
- With the weather turning, please ensure your child attends pre-school with weather appropriate clothing and shoes. We do spend a lot of time outdoors so this would help keep them warm and dry.
- Lastly, please remember we use Class Dojo to communicate with you regarding what

The second week we went to the zoo and had the Tiger come for Tea! The children loved learning all about different animals through lots fun activities. We made animal masks, handprint painting and explored different animal habitats, footprints and patterns.



Our third week of fun consisted of woodland animals, marking the start of Autumn. We learned about the different animals we may find in the woods by making owl pictures, playdough hedgehogs, fox painting and frogs in the water! The children have loved "We're going on a Bear Hunt", doing all the actions and joining in the story at group time.



your child has been doing, messaging facility and lovely photos for you to see. Any queries on how to use this please ask.

Reminder of session times AM/PM

- Gate opens 9:10am – 9:20am for morning drop off.
 - Lunch time gate is open 12:10pm – 12:20pm.
 - End of day gate is open 3:10pm – 3:20pm.
- Please do contact us via phone or email as soon as possible if you will be late, or your child is absent.

Dates for your diary:

27th October – 31st October – Half Term

4th November – Return to Saplings

Monday 10th November, 4-6pm - Parents evening – Please remember to book your 10-minute appointment slot in the office.

8th December – 12th December - Christmas craft week – This is in place of a Christmas concert. More details to follow nearer the time.

Friday 19th December - Last day of term

Tuesday 6th January - Return to Saplings.



Stomp Stomp comes the dinosaur, what a fun week this was! The children loved all the great activities getting messy in the dinosaur swamp, making fossils from dino prints and making our own dinosaur hats. We also enjoyed Autumn scavenger hunts on the field, working in teams to try and find leaves, acorns and bugs!



Next we enjoyed learning about nocturnal animals and everything night time. The children loved making night sky pictures, sparkly space playdough and lots of lovely stories and calming yoga at group time. Thank you again for all your wonderful donations to our Harvest Festival collection, a few of our older Saplings helped take this over to the school assembly.



Lastly, we finished off the term with Halloween fun! We had lots of fun sensory activities with pumpkins, slime and potion making. The children loved making their own edible wands inspired by the Room on the Broom story.



Upcoming Learning

Next term our learning power will be knowledge. Through activities and play we will be helping the children develop in different areas, such as, ability to follow rules, looking at number recognition and mark-making. We will be enjoying learning about the Gruffalo, fireworks night and the most exciting time of the year... Christmas!

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