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Dear parents and carers,

RWI Evening

Thank you to all the parents who joined Mrs Mercer, our RWI leader and myself for the annual YR RWI meeting on Monday 28th September. This is a really important overview of how our RWI programme supports the developing of early reading and writing skills for YR children.

The slides from the presentation can be accessed on the RWI page of our website. You can also watch a recording of the presentation which was made last year but the information is still current. Here is the link: [RWI Page](#)



Y1 Local Geography Walk

As part of our Geography unit, 'My Local Area', Year 1 children enjoyed taking part in a local Geography walk.

During the walk, the children put their fieldwork skills into practice by following a map, observing their surroundings and identifying local buildings, landmarks and locations. They enjoyed exploring the area around them and making connections between what they have been learning in the classroom and the world around them.

The children showed great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the walk.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to help on the day.



Harvest Assembly

As mentioned in our date sheet, Harvest Festival will take place next Tuesday 13th October in our school hall. The Reverend, Mike Stewart from St Andrews Church will be joining us for this special assembly.



We are asking for Harvest Festival produce such as, dried fruits/pasta, tinned products and cereal to be brought into school on Tuesday morning with your child. This will then be displayed by our staff before our assembly begins.



The produce will be donated to The Need Project foodbank who support people in the Central Bedfordshire and surrounding area who are suffering from deprivation. Thank you for your continued support.

PTFA 'Halloween Pumpkin Pumpkin' Disco - Wednesday 14th October

Our PTFA has been busy organising the next event for all the children, and we are now ready to take bookings for the 'Halloween Pumpkin' Disco on Wednesday 14th October.

KS1 3:30-4:15pm KS2 4:30-5:15pm

The children do not need to dress up, as the event is running straight after school for KS1, but children in KS2 could dress up if going home and then coming back.

We will run our quiet bay colouring activity in a separate space for any children who find the disco too overwhelming. The children will all have a little something to take home if you have approved on the form. Tickets are £4.00 per child with a sibling discount being offered and all bookings **MUST** be completed through the link below, by the 15th October 2026.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/halloween-disco-29>

School Council

On Friday 2nd October, it was school council Election Day at The Firs! The hall was all set up as a polling station and some children from Y4 took turns to act as Presiding Officer and Poll Clerk in the hall during the day, as each class came in to cast their votes!

A big thank you to Mr Furnell for setting up his voting booth for us, it made the process so much more fun for the children and helped them to learn about how elections work.



Our newly elected School Council has held its first meeting of the year—and there was a real buzz of excitement in the room!

The children were thrilled to begin their new roles. During the meeting, we explored how the Council works, discussed the responsibilities involved, and appointed key positions. Our Year 4 representatives have taken on the roles of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary, and are already showing great leadership potential.

The Council members wasted no time in starting to share their ideas about what they'd like to focus on this year. Over the coming weeks, they'll be holding Class Council meetings to gather suggestions from their peers, ensuring every child's voice is heard.

We're really looking forward to seeing the positive changes our School Council will help bring about this year!

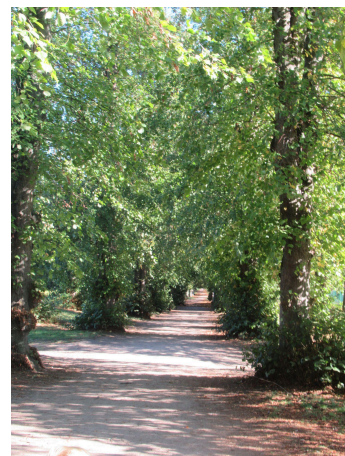


Pine Autumn Walk

What a lovely, busy week we've had in Acorns and Conkers!

The highlight of our week was definitely our wonderful autumn walk! The children were absolutely fantastic and made us all very proud with their brilliant behaviour.

We had so much fun exploring the signs of autumn, spotting lots of different trees, looking at monuments and even seeing some squirrels along the way!



We set the children a little challenge to collect five natural objects that were the same size. However, the excitement of autumn took over, and we returned to school with bags bursting with sticks, pieces of wood, stones, acorns and conkers! There were certainly plenty of treasures to discover!

It was a lovely opportunity to enjoy the outdoors, explore nature and share some wonderful experiences together.

Skip To Be Fit Workshop

On Tuesday, children in Years 1 - 4 enjoyed an exciting skipping workshop led by David from Skip2BeFit.

David showed the children a range of skipping skills and techniques before giving them the chance to practise and show off their own skills. The children and teachers then took on a two-minute skipping challenge, skipping along to music to see how many jumps they could complete before the time was up!



The fun continued during a special final assembly, where the child and teacher with the highest scores went head-to-head in an exciting skip-off.

Everyone had a fantastic time, and the enthusiasm for skipping has certainly spread throughout the school! Our playgrounds are now full of children practising their new skills, challenging their friends and seeing how many skips they can achieve.



Thank you to all our Sports Ambassadors for helping with skipping rope sales this week. If you missed buying a skipping rope they can still be purchased from the school office - cash only for £8.00.



Parent Teacher Autumn Consultations Tuesday 20th or Thursday 22nd October 2026

Just a reminder that we would like to invite all parents./ carers of pupils at The Firs to attend a 10 minute 'face to face' Parents' Consultation with your child's teacher.

- Bookings with teachers can be made online from Friday 25th September and will close Monday 29th October.

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- Please visit <https://firslower.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointment, where you will be asked for your name, email, your child's name and their date of birth.
- If you require any assistance, please contact the school office. office@firslower.org

School Photographs Reminder

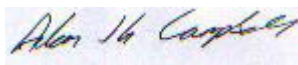
The photographer will be in school for individual photographs on **Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October**:

- On Thursday 22nd October the photographer will take Individual photographs of children in Years R-4 and children who only have siblings in our school.
- On Friday 23rd October the photographer will take individual photographs of the Saplings children and any children who have siblings in school and in Saplings (or only Saplings).
- Please can you ensure that your child is wearing their school uniform, including their green jumper/cardigan and hair accessories should be The Firs green colour only. If your child has their PE day on a Tuesday, please can they come to school wearing their school uniform and **not** their PE kit.
- The Saplings will send out information to parents of children who do not attend The Saplings on a Friday to let them know what arrangements are being made for this.

Y3 Egyptian Day

We would like to remind Y3 parents that it is the Y3 Egyptian Day on Friday 23rd October. A letter has been sent out to all parents letting you know about the date and asking for a contribution towards the day, including parent helpers.. Please go onto your ParentPay account and complete the payment indicating whether you will be able to help on the day - thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely.



Adam J G Campbell
Headteacher