Nutley Newsletter

Friday 06th November 2026

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HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our first week of Term 2. Everyone has made a great start to their learning this week Our Key Stage 2 children have been busy planning their ROAR competition designs ready for the Uckfield Lions coming in next week to judge them. In Key Stage 1 we were lucky enough to have a session with Uckfield College students who led us in a fantastic multi sports session on Thursday. The children loved the keeping the balloon in the air challenge! Our EYFS children had a visit to the fire station at the beginning of the week with East Hoathly and Chiddingly Primary Schools. They had a great time practising their aim with the water hoses and investigating all the uniform and equipment that the firefighters use!

Our Faith Council all helped Jean Kemm from St James the Less, to create a new Remembrance Day banner for the church. They worked fantastically together and the whole banner looks amazing- please do go and see it in the church if you can. A huge thank you to Jean who gave up her time to come and create the banner with our children.

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Mrs Denton and the Nutley team.

Class News





RABBITS

What a fantastic week we have had in Rabbit Class! We started the week by learning about why and how we celebrate Bonfire Night. We then discussed fire safety and how we can keep safe around fireworks. On Tuesday, our fire station trip was a massive success - the children LOVED it (as did I!). We got to explore the fire station and engines and even had a go at spraying the fire hose! I was so incredibly proud of how well our Rabbits represented our school with wonderful behaviour and manners. In phonics this week we have recapped our term 1 phonemes and graphemes, before we move onto introducing new sounds next week. In maths we have looked at 'one more' and 'one less', then moved onto looking at the composition of numbers 1,2 and 3. Well done Rabbits on a very successful first week back! Have a well-deserved rest this weekend! 🙂



HEDGEHOGS

The children have made a fantastic start back after the half-term break and have settled back into school routines beautifully. It has been lovely to see them engaging so enthusiastically in their learning across the curriculum. In English, we have been exploring verbs and adverbs, linking our learning to our key text, Lost in the Toy Museum. In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of place value within 100 and practising counting in tens. Year 2 children have been extending this further by counting forwards and backwards in tens from any given number. In PSHE, the children have begun to think about how they can use respectful words when speaking to and interacting with others. In History, we are building on the skills introduced last term as we begin to explore toys from the past. If you have any old or interesting toys at home, the children are very welcome to bring them in to share with the class during show-and-tell times. Finally, our Hedgehogs and Rabbits have begun learning their songs and lines for the Nativity, which is very exciting! All children should have brought home a slip detailing their role and any costume requirements. We look forward to another wonderful few weeks of learning!

Class News Cont...



FOXES

It has been a great first week back. In maths we have been practicing subtraction of 4-digit numbers with exchanging. Inn English we have been reading 'Just so stories' by Rudyard Kipling. We have been developing our understanding of the text, language, and characters. In PSHE with Mrs Shearer the children were learning that it is okay to disagree but to reach a compromise. In art We were learning about William Morris and looked at his artwork. The children were given half a picture that they had to continue, following the shapes, patterns, and sizes. In RE the children watched the video on Noah's ark and discussed Noah's qualities that made God happy. They then drew a picture of Nooah and wrote his qualities around the picture. In PE the class were trying to communicate silently with their teammate to pass though the obstacle. In geography we looked at how transport has changed over time, methods of transport and their impacts. In French we learnt vocabulary for French objects inside the classroom. Have a lovely weekend 🙂



BADGERS

Lots of hard work in Badger Class this week! In English, we have been looking at Remembrance Poetry, using contrast, metaphors and similes to create a powerful poem. In maths, we have been working on equivalent fractions and how to simplify fractions. In Science, we began our topic on evolution and inheritance, learning about how cacti have adapted to suit their environment. In art this term, we are focusing on sketching and observational drawing. The children tested themselves by drawing their school shoe, thinking about the proportions of the shoe and how to shade to make it 3D. We have also designed and made our ROAR projects, which we will present next week; there are some fantastic ideas! In PSHE, we learnt about the difference between being a bystander and an upstander, and what we could do if we witnessed any bullying. Have a good weekend, and hopefully see some of you at the Airman's Grave on Sunday!

Rabbits- Uckfield Fire Station

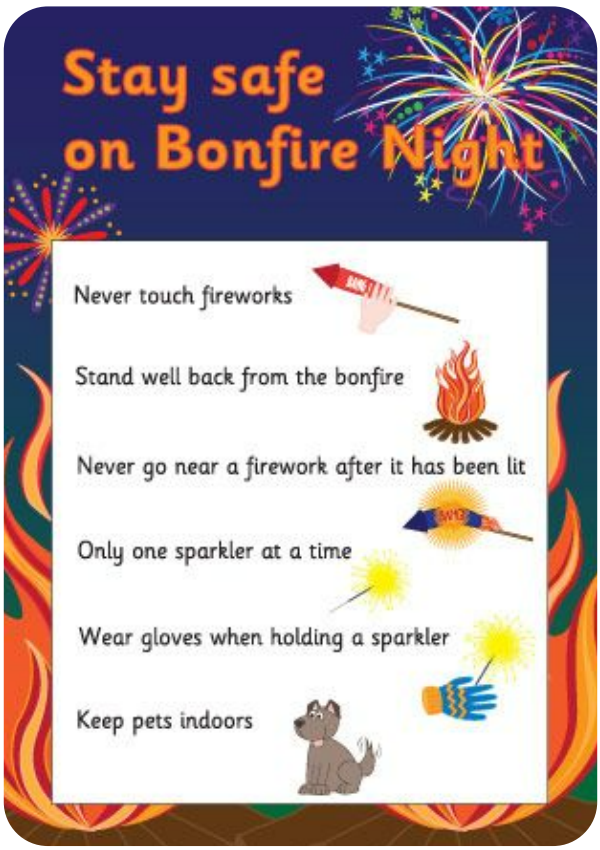
On Tuesday, Rabbits joined 2 other Reception classes from the Pioneer Federation and visited Uckfield Fire Station, to support their term topic of Let's Celebrate, linked to Bonfire Night. All the Rabbits got the opportunity to sit in the fire engine, use the hose and look at the imaging through an infrared camera.











Foxes- Science Observatory

At the end of last term, Foxes went with two other schools from the Pioneer Federation to visit the Science Observatory in Herstmonceux.























Poppy Sales for the British Legion

Our School Council have been doing a fantastic job selling poppies for the British Legion and Rememberance Sunday this week.



Remembrance Banner for the Church

Some of our children helped to produce a beautiful banner for Remmbrance Sunday that is now hung in the chirch for you all to see.



Amazing Achievements

Achievement Certificates

Badgers- Thomas B, Jayke O
Foxes- Fletcher W, Imogen P
Hedgehogs- Olivia D-L, Daisy T-S
Rabbits- All fo Rabbit Class

Star Badges

George V- 300 stars
Fletcher W- 500 stars
Thomas B- 1000 stars

Values Award- Respect

Badgers- Kenzi R
Foxes- Santo A and Charley E
Hedgehogs- Charlie J
Rabbits- Arthur T

Good Deed Feeds

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Fletcher W



Attendance Year to Date

Just a gentle reminder that government guidelines are to fine families taking more than 5 days consecutive holiday. Please be aware of this before booking holidays during term time!

Whole School	95.9%
Rabbits	97.7%
Hedgehogs	95.5%
Foxes	96.2%
Badgers	95.6%

Dates For Your Diary

NOVEMBER

Tue 10th Rabbits Forest School
Parents Evening
Thu 12th Parents Evening
Fri 13th Church Worship
Tue 17th Badgers Forest School
Tue 24th Hedgehogs Forest School
Fri 27th Church Worship

DECEMBER

Tue 01st YR & Y6 NCMP Screening
Foxes Forest School
Tue 08th Rabbits Forest School
Glyndebourne One Voice Concert

DECEMBER CONT...

Fri 11th Nativity Dress Rehearsal 9.45am
Mon 14th Nativity Performance 9.45am
Tue 15th Nativity Perfomrance 2pm
Fri 18th Christingle Service in Church
Last day of Term 2

JANUARY

Mon 04th First day back for Term 3
Thu 07th Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Tue 12th Rabbits Forest School
Tue 14th Year 3 and 4 Swimming
Wed 15th INSET
Tue 19th Hedgehogs Forest School
Thu 21st Year 3 and 4 Swimming

Open Mornings for Admissions September 2027

Come and visit our amazing school.
In the heart of the Ashdown Forest, we are a small, community Church of England school, that prides ourselves on creating a safe, friendly and nurturing environment for your children.

Monday 2nd November 9am
Monday 16th November 9am
Monday 30th November 9am

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