# Nutley Newsletter

## Friday 13th November 2026

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL UPDATE

Dear Nutley Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week in school. It was great to see so many parents and wider family members at our Celebration Assembly today in Church, and fantastic to celebrate all our children's wonderful achievements as well as to see our Remembrance Day banner which Faith Council worked so hard on.

This week our Rabbits have been to Forest School and have been busy creating different spaces in our wild area over by the field. Rehearsals are well underway for our nativity too and it was great to hear so many parents saying their children are singing the songs at home!

For our older children we had a visit from Ira from Create Music this week. She came in to rehearse with our choir on the songs we needed more practice with. We have an additional visit next week from Shane who will also be helping us to prepare for the One Voice Festival.

Earlier in the week we welcomed the Uckfield Lions to school who judged the ROAR competition ideas. The children's brief was to create an invention on the theme of sustainability or helping groups in our community and the judges and myself were really impressed with the well thought out ideas. The winning concept was the 'Sol Tractor' which works on solar power so that it reduces the need for costly fuel. The prototype produced was very high quality and again well crafted. Well done to James, Orla, Ella and Georgia who go through to the next round next week in Uckfield.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Denton and the Nutley team.

# Class News





## RABBITS

This week in Rabbit Class we have been learning about why, when and how we celebrate Remembrance Day. We watched the 'Poppies' BBC animation with the rabbit and the poppies and thought about how the rabbit may have been feeling throughout the video. We also discussed why poppies are the flowers used to celebrate Remembrance Day. On Wednesday, we joined the 2 minutes silence with the rest of the school and all of Rabbits behaved very well. Well done 🙂In phonics, we have been learning: ff,ll,ss and j. As we are learning more and more GPC's we are putting these to good use with daily writing activities and daily blending. In maths, we have continued to look in depth at the numbers 1,2 and 3. We enjoyed Forest School on Tuesday with the children hunting for different kinds of leaves. I am pretty confident though, that their favourite part was burying Dormouse with the leaves they found! Have a restful weekend, Rabbits 🙂



## HEDGEHOGS

This week, we have been learning about toy timelines and exploring how toys have changed over time. In Design and Technology, we designed our own toys, thinking carefully about their features and how they could be made. In English, we wrote instructions on how to wash a woolly mammoth, using conjunctions to extend our sentences and add more detail. In Maths, we have been learning about tens and ones and using number lines to help us understand numbers. In Science, we explored the different parts of a plant and learnt about the roles of the roots, stem, leaves and flowers. In Computing, we practised taking clear photographs, thinking about how to frame our pictures carefully. In Music, we explored percussion instruments and experimented with changing the pitch and tempo to create different sounds and rhythms. We have also been developing our skills to solve simple problems ourselves and use each other for support. Well-done Hedgehogs!

# Class News Cont...



## FOXES

This week has flown by! In English we have been trying to use expanded noun phrases and inverted commas for speech. Our focus is still on the Just So Stories by Rudyard Kipling and we will eventually be writing our own version inspired by the features used. In maths we have started our topic of multiplication and division and we have looked at arrays and sharing and grouping. In geography the children designed their own 2080 car and considered materials and how fossil fuels affect the environment. The children came up with extraordinary designs and ideas for fuel and sustainable energy. In science the children have been learning about rocks and soils. We gathered soil from different areas around the school and observed and classified them. We also looked at the earth's layers and presented these through creative ways such as glittery posters, felt designs, and playdoh creations. In PE we have been doing volleyball practice which has been great seeing their skills progress.



## BADGERS

Another hardworking week! In English, we have been looking at setting description, exploring how we can use personification and hyperbole, alongside similes and metaphors, to create an impactful piece of writing. We are also developing our use of grammar, focusing on the correct places to use apostrophes. In maths, we have been converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions, and comparing fractions with the same and different denominators. In science, we explored how animals have adapted over time to best fit their environment. In computing, we talked about the history of animation, and created our own flipbooks! In music, we listened to music from the Renaissance period and comparing instruments from then to now. In French, we learnt how to talk about our families and have been working hard on our pronunciation. Well done to the girls who competed at the North Wealden Football Final - you should be so proud of your teamwork and skill! Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

# Rabbits- Forest School







# Christina Marks Dance Workshop

All the children enjoyed such a fun session this Friday afternoon. There were some amazing shapes being thrown and the staff got involved too!











# Lions ROAR Competition

Good luck to team Sol Tractor, who won the school judging stage of the Lions' ROAR competition to design and create an invention to help our environment! They will be attending the next stage of the competition in Uckfield next week with other schools in the area.





# Amazing Achievements

**Achievement Certificates**

Badgers- Thomas B, Kenzi R
Foxes- George P, Jools G
Hedgehogs- Chloe M, Ethan P
Rabbits- Ottilie S

**Values Award- Respect**

Badgers- Orla-Mae C
Foxes- Danyil T
Hedgehogs- Rupert S
Rabbits- Libby H

**Star Badges**

Tessa S- 200 stars

**Staff Superstar**

Mrs Shearer

**Good Deed Feeds**

Mrs Denton







## 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!

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| Whole School | 96.0% |
| Rabbits | 97.8% |
| Hedgehogs | 95.7% |
| Foxes | 96.5% |
| Badgers | 95.6% |



**Dont' forget jumpers and cardigans... it can be chilly in school this time of year**



# Dates For Your Diary

**NOVEMBER**

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
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
Fri 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 16th November 9am

## Monday 30th November 9am

**If these dates do not suit you, please give us a call and we will organise a more convenient time and date.**

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