

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, in Nursery we have been exploring the beauty and wonders of autumn! Together, we read "Autumn" by Ailie Busby—a lovely story that invites children to experience the unique character of this season through both indoor and outdoor play. (You can even listen to the story on YouTube to talk about the autumn season at home!)

Our exploration began with nature's treasures. We examined leaves, conkers, and pinecones, discussing their colours, textures, and the special qualities that make each one unique. The children especially enjoyed sorting and naming the items, adding words like "smooth," "rough," "crunchy," and "spiky" to their vocabulary.

In school, we have explored leaves in various colours and sizes, including some very large leaves from the American oak tree. We looked at pictures of trees and talked about how leaf colours change throughout the seasons, learning a little about the life cycle of a tree.

For art activities, we used the leaves to create a beautiful collage of an autumn tree. The children also experimented with printing, using autumn-coloured paints to make leaf prints and exploring the wonderful patterns and textures this technique can create. In the garden, we collected fallen leaves, throwing them into the air and watching with delight as they twirled and drifted down to the ground.

This week, we also started revisiting one of our all-time favourite stories in Nursery: "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" This beloved book introduces children to a variety of animals and colours, providing a fun way to learn about different shades and hues. Next week, we have some exciting activities lined up based on this book, which we're sure the children will love!

Please help, we are currently out of spare girls' pants as well as boys' and girls' socks. If you have any outgrown underwear or socks that you could donate, we would be incredibly grateful for your support.

Additionally, we kindly ask that each child brings a spare set of underwear in their school bag in case of any accidents. Thank you for your understanding and help!

Don't forget to check Seesaw to see all the fun we've had this week!
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs McShane



Session Times

The Nursery gates will open at **8:20 AM**, and sessions will start promptly at **8:30 AM**. The gates will close at **8:30 AM**.

Morning Session will finish at **11:30 AM**.

Afternoon session will begin at **12.15 PM**

Afternoon and All-Day children will be dismissed at **3:15 PM**.

Names

Please can you help us by putting your child's name into all their belongings. It can be quite distressing for the children if we are unable to find their coat and bag.

Wet Clothes

Unfortunately, in Nursery the children often get wet or dirty. This is all part of their learning experience and nothing to worry about. Thank you for providing spare sets of clothing for us to change your child into. All children need at least one change of clothes in Nursery. It would also help us greatly if you could include a plastic bag for us to put their wet or dirty clothes into.

Nappies

If your child is in nappies, please can you provide at least **two** spare nappies daily, along with baby wipes and nappy sacks.

Any matters relating to the educational and personal welfare of your child, including medical and dietary needs must be raised with Mrs McShane. Please do not discuss these matters with other members of Nursery staff.

Thank you

Mrs Ruth McShane