



Broadway First School Newsletter

23rd OCTOBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM MR POULTNEY

The end of the first half term is already here. For those parents with children in Class 1, you should feel incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into school life. They have quickly become a very independent group, and I have certainly enjoyed spending my Monday afternoons with them in Forest School each week.

This week, the teaching team met to focus on Science. The session was led by our Science Lead, Ms Fielder, and explored ways in which we can continue to adapt and refine our teaching to ensure consistently high-quality learning experiences for all pupils. We also reviewed children's work to make sure that learning is being delivered and progressing as intended across the school.

Our recent homework event, based on the theme My Local Area, was a great success. It was wonderful to welcome so many families into school and to see the impressive range of creative projects produced by the children. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Richards, who was the driving force behind the event, as well as to everyone who supported it. The enthusiasm shown by both children and families was fantastic, and I am sure this is something we can look to repeat in the future.

BOO!

Happy Half Term Everyone!

Spooky



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After School Activities

Monday - Netball Club 3.10-4.15pm

Tuesday - Singing Club 3.10-4.00pm

Wednesday - Garden/Nature craft Club 3.10-4pm

Celebrations

Headteachers Awards

Kingfishers - Sasha
Otters - Joseph
Dragonflies - Max
Ducklings - Amirah

Values Awards

Kingfishers - Reagan
Otters - Kaiya
Dragonflies - Ayla
Ducklings - Theo

House Points

Lygon - 459
Russell - 530
Morris - 366
Eadburgha - 509

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Pre-school

What a fantastic week we have had in Preschool! 🌟

We started the week with a special Forest School treat, roasting Halloween marshmallows over the fire to make delicious s'mores! 🔥 We learned all about fire safety and showed excellent listening skills, responsibility, and sensible behaviour while sitting around the fire.

In Phonics, we have been exploring rhyming words and had lots of fun creating our own rhyming soup! We loved thinking of words that sound the same and adding them to our imaginary recipe. In Maths, we have been developing our counting skills by counting 1, 2, 3 using objects and claps. We have also been learning how to use 1:1 correspondence, making sure each object is counted only once.

We also became scientists this week! We carried out an exciting experiment using bicarbonate of soda, vinegar, and washing-up liquid to create mini volcanoes. 🌋 We discussed our predictions about what might happen and then tested our ideas to see if we were right. The eruptions were lots of fun!

To end the week, we enjoyed Crazy Hair Day and loved showing off our creative hairstyles. There were lots of smiles, laughter, and fantastic hair creations! Well done, everyone, Have a wonderful half-term break and we look forward to seeing you all soon! Happy Halloween! 😊



Ducklings Class 1

This week in Duckling Class, we have loved exploring all things Halloween! The children had great fun dressing up as different characters and creating magical potions using Gelli Baff. In Drawing Club, we read the story Room on the Broom and enjoyed designing our own dragons and writing magical codes. We also made our own flying broomsticks by colouring broomstick templates and using straws to blow through, making them "fly" across the table!

In Maths, Reception children began the White Rose Maths unit, It's Me 1, 2, 3. They explored different representations of numbers to 3, learning to subitise, count objects and match numerals to quantities through a range of practical activities, games and dice challenges.

We also had a fantastic Crazy Hair Day, and it was wonderful to see so many creative and colourful hairstyles. Thank you for helping to make it such a fun day!

What a spooktacular week of learning and fun we've had in Duckling Class! 🎃🧙‍♀️✨



Dragonflies Class 2

Dragonflies Class has worked very hard this week. We have completed some excellent end-of-unit quizzes in both Topic and Science, giving the children an opportunity to showcase everything they have learned so far this term. They have impressed us with their knowledge of plants and the many facts they have learned about our local area. In PE, we have continued to develop our aiming skills through a range of activities involving throwing, bouncing and catching balls while aiming for targets. In Maths, we have been building our understanding of addition by learning how to add together and add more. We were also absolutely delighted by the wonderful homework projects that were brought in this week. Well done, everyone!



Otters Class 3

What a fantastic half-term we have had in Otter Class!

This week in Topic, we have written tourist information leaflets all about Chichen Itza in Mexico. The children used the research they had gathered to create informative and engaging leaflets, showcasing their knowledge and understanding of this fascinating historical site.

In English, we have been exploring expanded noun phrases and different sentence types to improve our writing. We have also been practising how to enhance our vocabulary by using a thesaurus to find more ambitious and precise word choices.

It has been a super half-term, and the children should be very proud of all their hard work and achievements. We can't wait to see what next half-term brings!



Kingfisher Class 4

This week, we have been learning about Chichén Itzá and discovering why it was so important to the Mayan civilisation and why it continues to attract visitors from around the world today. The children thoroughly enjoyed researching this fascinating ancient wonder and used their knowledge to create informative and colourful tourist information booklets filled with the amazing facts they uncovered.

We have also been very busy writing and editing our 500-word stories for the Radio 2 competition. It has been wonderful to see the children's creativity shine through as they enthusiastically typed away, applying all the skills they have worked so hard to develop this term. We are incredibly proud of their effort, imagination, and determination.

It has been a busy, exciting, and rewarding week, with lots of fantastic learning taking place across the curriculum. Thank you, as always, for your continued support at home.

We hope you all have a wonderful, restful half-term break and enjoy spending some quality time together as a family. We look forward to hearing all about your adventures when we return!



Laugh 'n' Learn Nursery.

This week has been all things Halloween 🎃!

From music and movement to painting and printing. Throughout the week, we did cake making, Halloween music and spooky animal dance parties. We have explored new textures and experimented in our witches potions tuff tray, developing our Halloween vocabulary. 🧙‍♀️ Bubbly cauldron pictures were also lots of fun 🫧 We encouraged the children to dress up in Halloween outfits this week - which we all loved 😊.

We have had a great first term and loved welcoming new faces. Have a lovely half term break! ❤️



School Letters and reminders this week:

- Parent Planner
- Parking reminder - parking outside of school
- Cross Country Event
- Colour Run sponsor forms

Dates for your Diary.

Autumn Term 2

2nd – Back to school

2nd – Parents Evening 5-7pm (class 1,2 & 3)

4th OPEN Morning 9-11am

4th – Book & Biscuit - Reception

5th – Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm – all classes

5th - Swimming lessons Y3&4 1pm

11th – Cross Country event Y4&5

11th Book & Biscuit – Pre-school

12th - Swimming lessons Y3&4 1pm

13th – Non uniform day/Children in Need

17th – Read, Write, Ink – Reception parents only 9am

18th – Book & Biscuit - Reception

19th - Swimming lessons Y3&4 1pm

25th – Book & Biscuit – Pre-school

26th - Swimming lessons Y3&4 1pm

27th – Colour Run Sponsor Event – white T-shirt Day

27th – Carol Singing Broadway – singing club 4.15pm

Attendance Matters – Every Day Counts!

Thank you for your support with Attendance this term.
Lets keep up the good work!

Whole School Attendance this term - 96.15%
National Average 94.54%

Good attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic success, wellbeing, and future opportunities. Even a few days of absence can quickly add up and impact progress.

 **Why Attendance Is So Important** • Children who attend regularly make better academic progress. • Strong attendance builds confidence, friendships, and routine. • Missing just 1 day every 2 weeks adds up to nearly 4 weeks of lost learning over a year.

Steps We're Taking as a School • Daily monitoring of attendance and quick follow-up on concerns. • Supportive conversations with families to understand any barriers. • Celebrating good and improved attendance through certificates, class rewards, and recognition. • Working with external agencies when persistent absence becomes a concern. • Creating a welcoming, safe, and engaging environment so children want to be here.

How Families Can Help Improve Attendance • Aim for 100% attendance wherever possible. • Book appointments outside school hours or at the end of the day. • Establish a consistent morning routine to avoid lateness. • Keep the school informed about any issues affecting attendance. • Send children in if they have minor illnesses (e.g., sniffles, mild colds). • Avoid term-time holidays, which must be unauthorised except in exceptional circumstances.

Working Together We know that good attendance is a shared responsibility. If you are finding it difficult to get your child into school, please talk to us. We're here to help, not judge. Together, we can make sure every child gets the best possible start.

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LOOKING FOR A SCHOOL PLACE?

BROADWAY FIRST SCHOOL

OPEN MORNING



Nursery - Pre-School - School

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 9.15-11.15AM



Headteacher's welcome at 9.20am

Inspire • Challenge • Achieve

Come and discover what makes Broadway First School a vibrant, welcoming place to learn.

Ofsted 2023 commented that our pupils 'benefit from a high-quality and wide-ranging curriculum' and 'love coming to school'.

Meet our team • Explore the school • Find out about school life

PARENT PACKS AVAILABLE TO TAKE AWAY

We look forward to welcoming prospective families to Broadway First School.

For more information and to book your place:

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Every purchase helps raise funds
for the children of Broadway First School.

➤ Thank you for supporting Friends of Broadway First School!

✨ Homework Project Celebration! ✨

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in our first homework project of the year. We weren't quite sure what to expect, but wow, we were absolutely blown away! The creativity, effort and quality of the projects were outstanding, and everyone should be incredibly proud of what they achieved. It was also wonderful to spend time with so many parents and grandparents, celebrating and showcasing all the hard work that had gone into the projects.

We were amazed by the fantastic variety on display, including videos, models, cookery creations, artwork, poetry, photos, scrap books, fact files and Lego builds. The enthusiasm, imagination and dedication shown by both the children and their families made the event such a success. Thank you for your support in helping the children produce such high-quality work. We hope you enjoyed sharing your projects with us as much as we enjoyed seeing them. We absolutely loved it!

Please see a selection of photos below!

And... scroll to the end of the newsletter for a sneak peek at our exciting next project for the coming half term. We can't wait to see what amazing ideas everyone comes up with next! 😊























