



Acorn Class Newsletter



Autumn Term 1: September – October 2026

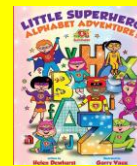
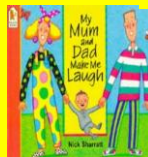
We are very excited about the Autumn Term. It is lovely to welcome back our existing children & families, and we are looking forward to getting to know our new children and families.

Our theme for this half term is '**Amazing me and my community**'. We will be looking at ourselves, our families and the world around us. If you are happy too, could you please send in a family photo so we can explore and share these during circle time. They will be returned once we have completed our activities.

Our focus will be **settling** the children into Acorn Class encouraging them to **learn the nursery routine**, **form friendships** through group games, **develop confidence** through a range of activities as we explore the indoor and outdoor environments, learning through play and activities like our 'dough disco' to help **develop** the children's **fine motor skills** and their hand, wrist and finger **strength** and our 'squiggle while you wiggle sessions' as we **work our gross motor muscles** to a wide range of music.

Our Phase 1 phonics starts by learning and singing a variety of nursery rhymes, **developing language** and **rhythm**, developing the children's **listening skills** with an **awareness of sounds in the environment** as we become superhero listeners through a variety of activities e.g. as we go on listening walks around the school both inside and outside.

Books we will be reading and exploring:



Nursery rhymes we will be singing:

Head, shoulders, knees and toes, Twinkle, twinkle, little star and if your happy and you know it.

Dates for your diary

9th Oct. - Hello yellow day (more details to follow)

19th Oct. - 30th Oct. - Half term (Nursery closed)

18th Nov. - School photos (Individual and siblings)

17th Dec. - Nursery break up.

Please can you send in with your child each day:

- Nappies and wipes (if required).
- A change or two of clothes in a bag.
- A named coat.
- A named water bottle.
- Named wellie boots (if possible, a pair we can keep at school as we go outside whatever the weather as we play and learn).

Nursery phone number: 07869 670405

In Acorns, we are passionate about what we do and believe that clear communication is key. Communication at arrival and pick up can be difficult and at times we need to limit this as our priority is keeping your children safe. We therefore encourage you to email or phone to make an appointment if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's care or development. Please be mindful that I am in class so will respond to your emails at the earliest opportunity and I may have to return your call or email at the beginning or end of the nursery day.

If there is an emergency, please contact the school office on 02087162677 who will get a message to us.

Email the nursery manager at: Laura.smith@cuddington.thpt.org.uk



We have lots of fun in Acorn class learning through our play. It can mean sometimes we get a bit messy. Our mud kitchen is such fun all our senses which is so important for our development. It also helps us to use our imaginations and make friends. Exploring the sand and water tray gives us lots of maths and scientific skills while we pour, fill and empty containers. We do usually wear aprons but sometimes our clothes may still get wet. Playing outside is so important so we can run and jump and develop our gross motor skills and sometimes we may get mud or grass on our clothes. When we use a knife or fork at lunchtime it can be tricky sometimes and we may get food on our clothes. Sometimes we may get pen and paint on our clothes this is because we are developing our creative skills and exploring lots of different ways of making amazing art. Exploring with playdough and other messy play resources help us to develop our fine motor control and build up muscles and co-ordination in our hands and fingers which we will need as we learn to write.

When your children get messy, they have had a busy day exploring, showing curiosity, determination, persistence, imagination, and confidence. They have also had lots of fun!

Please don't send your children to nursery in their best clothes THEY WILL GET MESSY!

Please apply online if you wish your child to be supplied with free school milk at nursery. Visit the website www.coolmilk.com and complete the form.

If your child has a packed lunch, can you, please make sure grapes are cut up longways and that it contains **NO nut products** including Nutella or peanut butter.

Tapestry.

We hope you have received your email link from tapestry. It is a great online learning platform where you can see what your children are up to in nursery. It is also a way for you to share any new, exciting or 'wow' moments your child has at home.