



I had the pleasure of spending time in Little Acorns this week and was delighted to see how enthusiastic and creative the children are. Our two-year-olds are gaining so much from structured activities, as well as from working and playing alongside the older children. The carefully planned curriculum for the older pupils enables them to explore new and exciting learning opportunities, while still giving them the freedom to play and interact with their peers.

We are always incredibly proud of the 'school readiness' of our nursery children. This is a testament to the thoughtful planning and dedication of Mrs Beddows, Mrs Lampey and Mrs Goff. During my visit, the children were learning through the story *The Teeny Weeny Tadpole*, and a wide range of related activities—including observing real tadpoles—provided fantastic hands-on learning experiences.

In Reception, the children have been busy with their phonics sessions and Exciting Writing, based on the story *Caterpillar Butterfly*. They have also been learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly and exploring symmetry through creating their own butterfly wing artwork.

Years 1 and 2 have continued to impress us with their excellent writing. The children have been creating their own versions of the story *The Baobab Tree*, inspired by the African legend often referred to as "The Talking Tree." In this tale, the baobab tree is vain and envious, constantly complaining about other trees. Eventually, the gods grow frustrated and replant it upside down, leaving its roots in the air. The children have been highly engaged and have used their developing writing skills to produce imaginative and thoughtful retellings.

In Years 3 and 4, pupils have been analysing fantasy texts as they prepare to write their own stories set in magical worlds. They have been experimenting with descriptive language and dialogue to build atmosphere and create intrigue within their narratives.

Meanwhile, Years 5 and 6 have been focusing on character descriptions, using subtle and effective techniques to engage and captivate the reader.

It has truly been a wonderfully creative week across the school. We were also delighted to bring together members of our Eco Team to plant a new bed in the community space by the village hall. Together, they planted rosemary, sage, thyme, strawberries and raspberries. This is a community 'help yourself' bed, so please do feel free to use the herbs in your cooking—saving you a trip to the shops!

Best wishes,

Donna Butler (Head of School)

Save the dates!

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday – No School

Tuesday 5th May – Class & Whole School Photos

Our Core Value
this half term is:

Love

Summer 1 Clubs –

Monday – Laser Tag & Nerf Battle (KS2)
Primary Sports **FULL**

Monday – Times Tables Club (Y2-6) Mr Evans

Wednesday – Puzzle & Board Games Club (Y2-4) Mrs Morgan

Wednesday – Darch Martial Arts (KS2)

Thursday – Athletics (R – Y2) Coach Dom

Thursday – Forest School (all years)
Primary Forest School

After school childcare is also available
Monday – Thursday
3.30–5.30pm

Thought for the Week:



Attendance – last week

Whole School – 98.33%



Classes:

Hedgehogs Class – R

Squirrels Class – Y1/2

Owls Class – Y3/4

Foxes Class – Y5/6