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## Weekly Newsletter: wb 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Welcome back to school for the second part of the Autumn term. We trust you had a relaxing break and the children enjoyed trick-or-treating (if they did it). It is of course Bonfire Night this week, so please remind children how to keep themselves safe whilst watching displays or playing with sparklers. Apparently, the NHS burns & scalds advice page, <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/burns-and-scalds>, receives over 8000 visits each year during this time!

### Rocksteady

On Monday morning, the children were lucky enough to receive a special assembly and music workshop from the **Rocksteady Music School**. They were very enthusiastic and impressed the instructor with their singing voices and willingness to have a go... Following this, there is an opportunity to sign up to receive weekly lessons with them and further details are included on the flyer your child should have brought home. This is an optional extra and we do realise it may be quite expensive for some – so please do not feel under any pressure. It will, however, only go ahead if enough people are interested (refunds will be given in the event that people sign up and it is cancelled). Please note, this does not impact any lessons you may have already signed up for with Linda and / or Paul.

### Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is next Wednesday (12<sup>th</sup> November), 3:30 – 5:30pm. Please see separate letter about how to request an appointment slot.

### Flu vac in school

Reminder: children will be having their flu vaccinations in school on Thursday (if you have given permission for this). The original consent form was sent out in September but I have attached another version alongside this newsletter for your convenience. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to get in touch (it may be sensible to try the school nursing team directly first – number on the letter!).

### Poppy Appeal

As it is Remembrance Day next week, we are once again selling poppies (and poppy-related items) for the Royal British Legion. This will be available before and after school each day until stocks last. It is cash only (no change) and suggested donations range from 20p for a paper poppy and £2 for a snapband.

### Bag 2 School Appeal

Talking of appeals, we are once again doing a 'Bag 2 School' collection on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November (9am). Bag 2 School are a charity who specialise in redistributing second-hand clothes. Your child will receive an empty bag this week which can be filled with old clothes and returned to school on the day (not beforehand please as we don't have space to store them) – additional bags are more than welcome! These items are then weighed in and the school receives a cheque based on how much we have collected. Visit [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) for more information.

### Road Safety & Modeshift STARS

School Council today had a visit from Paula (Modeshift STARS) to present us with our latest award for our efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel. Our two new Junior Road Safety Officers (Charlie & Eloise) will be helping her run a number of exciting projects throughout the year... watch this space!

*Mr Gaughan*

*Nurturing confidence, nurturing potential, nurturing success.*



## Celebrating Achievement



Well done to the following children:

- ★ **Bronze:** Teddy (Ash); Erica, Eser (Rowan); Max (Oak)
- ★ **Silver:** Elizabeth, Oscar B (Ash); William R, Felicity, Frankie-Lola (Willow); Vinny (Rowan); Dakota, Darcy, Holly (Sycamore); Enes, Rory, Charlie, Isla, Sienna BR, Ida, Abigail (Oak)
- ★ **Gold:** Hugo (Oak) - only the second Gold of the year so far!
- ★ **Nursery Stars of the Week:** Tabitha (Seedlings), Theo P & Nova (Saplings)
- ★ **Attendance winners:** Attendance was a disappointing 92.5% overall during the last week of the previous half-term (excluding the INSET day on the Friday). The winning classes were Ash (KS1) with 96.9% and Rowan (KS2) with 97.8%.
- ★ **House Point winners:** As we had a short week, the children voted to leave the house points and count extra this time around. It won't surprise you to hear that Americas won overall for the half-term though (winning 4 weeks out of 7!).
- ★ Well done to the Y5/6 children who represented us so well at the tag ruby competition & also the 40 children across school who got a 'hole-in-one' during our one-off golf day!



This week's birthdays:

Lacey (8), Maisie (8), Billy (9),  
Maddie P (8)

This week's 'School Standard' is:  
Having respect for others

## What's Happening?

Little Seedlings are listening to and responding to traditional stories; whilst Saplings are beginning to predict how stories might end.

Ash will be starting their new story: 'Lost & Found' in English.

Willow will be finishing their Arctic landscapes in Art.

KS1 children in The Learning Zone will be reading the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood'.

Rowan are learning about how animals grow and move during their Science lessons.

Sycamore are starting their new Science unit on Sound.

The Y6s in Oak are going to the 'Show Racism the Red Card' event at SWFC on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, in our RSHE lessons this half-term (starting next week); Y5s will be learning about puberty whilst Y6s learn about reproduction. Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

