

Earlsdon Primary School NEWSLETTER



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Autumn 1 Week 4

Book Bus

We are very excited to be hosting a visit from the Book Bus on Monday. All children will get the opportunity to go on the Book Bus to visit the book fair. At the end of the school day, the bus will move from the playground on to the car park and parents are very welcome to visit it from 3.15—4pm.

As a thank you for hosting the bus, the school will receive books for our libraries.



Reception Class Story Trails

We were delighted to welcome some of our new Reception children and their families to our allotment after school on Thursday to take part in a story trail. We have been working with award-winning author Julia Rawlinson who loaned us the story trail of her book Fletcher and the Falling Leaves.



Letters sent out this week

Parent/ teacher meetings– October 2025

We are looking forward to holding the Autumn term parent / teacher meetings on Wednesday 22nd October and Thursday 23rd October. More information about how to book an appointment will be sent out nearer the time. Please save the date!

The Street Restaurant Takeover Nights

We are very grateful to The Street restaurant for giving us the opportunity to run two takeover evenings on 29th September and 6th October. This project is linked to our allotment and our careers programme.

If you haven't bought tickets, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

All profits will be donated to the school and will help us to develop our community kitchen.



Open Days for New Starters Sept 2026

We are holding Open Mornings on 1st October and 14 November. These are for parents looking for a Reception school place in September 2026.

Places can be booked via the school office.



PTA update

We were delighted to welcome so many parents to the PTA AGM on Monday. It was especially nice to see lots of new faces coming along for the first time. The PTA are having their first planning meeting on Monday 29th September at The Cottage at 8pm. This is open to everyone and is a great way to meet other families and share your ideas for fundraising. Come along!

Grand Opening of our Allotment Learning Pod

Friday 10th October 3.30-5.30pm

We are holding the official opening of our allotment learning pod and a Pumpkin Party on Friday 10th October from 3.30 - 5.30pm.

We will be serving soup made from the pumpkins grown by the children and there will be fun activities to join in with.

The grand opening will be at 4pm followed by the pumpkin soup. Please come along to see our beautiful new learning space.

We would love to welcome as many families as possible. If you are not sure where the allotment is, a member of staff will be walking up from school at 3.30pm. Please wait on the playground and you will be very welcome to walk up as a group.



Clubs

We are pleased to let you know that most of our clubs have now started. We have a few more starting up including our popular Saturday table tennis clubs, Mandarin club and Japanese club. This term we have been able to offer some new clubs including animation club and dance club. We continue to listen to the children's ideas for new clubs.

Starting Secondary School in September 2026

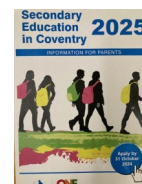
The application process for secondary school places has opened. Parents of Year 6 children can apply online at:

www.coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The closing date for applications is

31st October 2025.

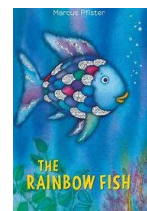
Please contact the school office if you require any support with this process.



Our learning this week:

Reception

This week the Reception children have been learning about their pencil grip and how to hold a pencil correctly. Their continuous provision has been based around fine motor activities, enjoying threading, beading, playdough, sand tracing, and water transfer using pipettes. As part of their ongoing topic on 'belonging' they have been drawing pictures of themselves and their family members, making a family mobile. Outside this week the children have been enjoying the tunnel, using their gross and fine motor skills to clamber, climb, pull and jump! In circle time the children have enjoyed a selection of stories about friendships, including the Rainbow Fish.



Year 1

This week Year 1 have been continuing with their exploration of numbers using partitioning. They have worked on number facts for 5 and then 10, using a variety of practical resources to partition in different ways. They have then drawn part-whole models and number sentences to represent their practical work.

In English we have completed our re-telling of the story 'Rosie's Walk' and we have remembered to start our sentences with a capital letter and end them with a full stop. We are continuing to work on remembering finger spaces between words but have made our own 'finger-space' template to help us with this!

In topic we have begun to think about how the homes that we live in have changed over time. We shared the story 'Peepo!' by Janet and Allan Ahlberg and sorted old and new household items. And finally, in PSHE we have been thinking about what makes us unique, exploring our hobbies and our interests. We have thought about what we are good at and what hobbies/ activities we enjoy out of school.



Year 2

This week year 2 have been continuing to add, subtract and solve problems using multiples of ten.

They have also been practising counting forwards and backwards on a hundred square and Gattegno chart, which has been useful for understanding the place value of numbers to 100. In English lessons the children have created their own flying machine and have written their own narrative about it - we have been very impressed by their imaginative ideas and perseverance! On Monday, 2B enjoyed harvesting fruits and vegetables from the allotment, while 2H learnt about mixing secondary colours using water colours.



Year 3

As mathematicians the Year 3 children have been continuing to learn about place value to 100, including adding, subtracting and solving problems. In English, they have written a leaflet to inform readers about owning and looking after a dog. As artists, the children have experimented with using pencils to create tone and have practised sketching animals using this technique. As scientists, they have been measuring and recording the temperature in their solar ovens, as part of their investigation into what makes a solar oven more effective.

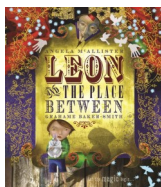


Year 4

This week, the children have been busy developing their skills across the curriculum. In Maths, they have strengthened their understanding of place value by composing numbers up to 2000 and using their knowledge to add and subtract multiples of 100. In English, the children became informative writers, producing advice leaflets for new dog owners, making excellent use of rhetorical questions, facts, and direct speech to engage their readers. As scientists, the children explored melting points through hands-on investigations, and in Geography, they built on their map work skills by using grid references and OS map symbols to locate places with increasing accuracy. In RE, they explored why reconciliation is important to Christians, learning how forgiveness and making peace reflect Jesus' teachings and help to build stronger relationships.

Year 5

As mathematicians, Year 5 have continued their work on place value by rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10 000 and 100 000 using number lines. As scientists they have been investigating friction using Newton Meters to measure the force that different surfaces create. In English, the children have made predictions about our new narrative 'Leon and the Place Between'. They have written a character description and a list poem using illustrations from the text for inspiration. As historians, the children have started their work on the Industrial Revolution by looking at the changes that took place in Britain between 1750 and 1900. In music, they have enjoyed learning to sing and play the glockenspiels to the Bon Jovi song 'Living on a Prayer'.



Year 6

This week, as historians, Year 6 have researched and presented their findings on the Munich Agreement. They learned what it was, who was involved, and the impact it had during World War II. Building on this, the children also examined primary and secondary sources to answer questions about the evacuation of children during the war, deepening their understanding of this significant period in history. As mathematicians, Year 6 have been investigating what happens to the difference when the minuend or subtrahend is increased or decreased. They have also been exploring the place value of numbers up to one million, strengthening their confidence with large numbers. In English, the children have worked hard to draft, edit, and complete their newspaper reports inspired by *Titanium*, carefully applying the features of journalistic writing.



Diary dates:

Monday 13th October	Year 6 residential at Plas Dol y Moch
Thurs 2nd Oct	Story trail for Reception families at the allotment 3.20pm
Friday 10th October	Primary Plot pumpkin party—official opening of learning shelter 3.30—5.30pm
Wed 22 Oct/Thurs 23 Oct	Parent consultations
Monday 27th October	Half term week
Monday 3rd November	Training day— school closed for children