



Dear Parent/Guardian,

I would like to welcome everyone back to our Autumn term, in particular I would like to welcome our two new families and their children to The Grove School community.

We have welcomed three new Teaching Assistants, Beth Park, Charley Fleet and Chelsea Jackson, we hope that they will enjoy working with our team. We have also welcomed Hannah Brown as our Oak Class teacher, it is great to have new additions to the school.

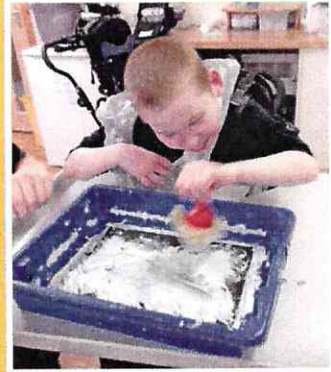
We have been so grateful to all our supporters, the fund-raising effort has been amazing and we are starting to plan for the development of the outdoor space which we hope to start in the spring time. We have also started to plan for the building work that we would like to do, when we can start this will be dependent on the budget going forward, we are hopeful that we maybe able to do some of the work in this financial year and then make plans over the next two years to complete the rest of the work.

A big thank you to those of you who completed the parent questionnaire, we now have results on the Ofsted website. I was so pleased to note that everyone who completed the form would recommend us to other parents, that makes me very proud of what our school does and the fact that you hold us in high regard.

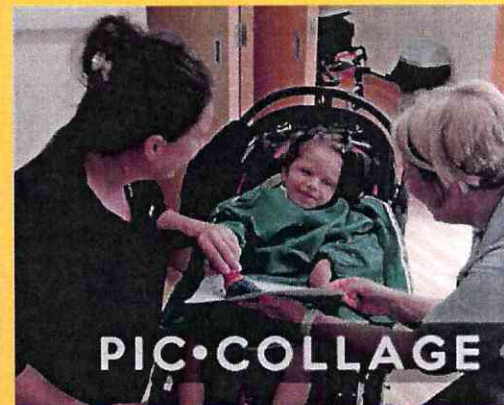
We are looking forward to the next half term, we will let you know our Christmas plans, which will include different activities for each class this year. We will also have a Christmas raffle to continue our fund-raising efforts.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries



Willow class have been learning all about Autumn and created lots of 'Autumn Art'.



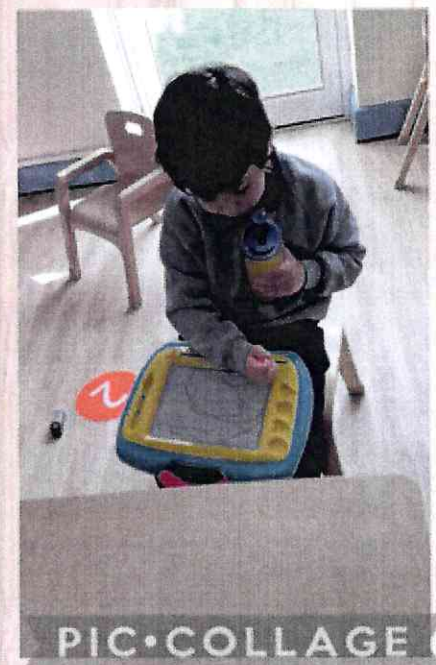
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Elm Class.

As part of our Growing and Changing topic, Elm class have had a focus on learning different skills.

These include participating and developing independence and life skills, sitting at the table or learning how to take care of the dolls. An integral part of our learning revolves around how we communicate, social interactions and the development of our play skills.



Beech Class



In Beech Class we have been developing our understanding around autumn as part of our learning this term. We have spent time in the outdoors and local community searching for signs of autumn. We have shared both fiction and non-fiction texts about autumn and the changes we might see in the natural world. We have created artwork both inspired by illustrations in books we have shared and by what we saw in our community, using natural materials we gathered.

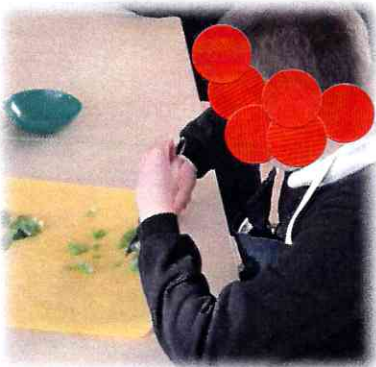


Sycamore Class News



Our chefs have been busy making tray bake and pizza to sell to their customers each week and, in doing so, are developing a range of skills including measuring, mixing, grating, and peeling. Pupils have enjoyed picking fruit from the trees in the school yard to chop up and eat for a healthy snack. The boys also enjoy exploring food through play activities, such as pretending to make soup. When pupils have finished their 'foodie' tasks, they take turns to do the important job of tidying up afterwards. Each pupil is involved at a level that suits them, developing their skills in attention, co-operation and communication.

Thank you to all our valued customers for your support! 😊



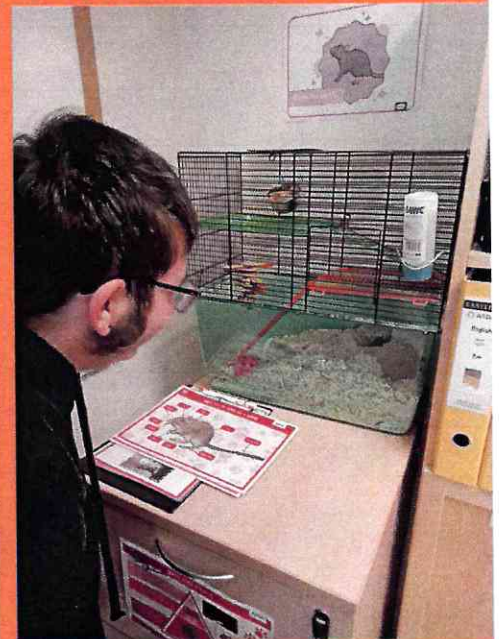


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Oak Class are very excited to have a new addition to our class family. We would like to introduce you to Gizmo, our gerbil.

We are enjoying taking care of him, which includes feeding him and cleaning his home.

He pops out of his nest to see us when he hears the noise of our classroom.





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Cherry Class have been working very hard to develop friendship, sharing, communication and trust within our group to enable us to actively participate and enjoy a wide range of learning activities together.



LAUNCH EVENT OF THE BERWICK FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK

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Berwick St Mary's CE First School in conjunction with the North Northumberland National Autistic Society, are happy to announce the launch of a Family Support Network Group open to all interested families within the Berwick area. The group will meet regularly to inform, share ideas and support our local community.

Building on the success of the North Northumberland-NAS team and the fabulous support they offer across North Northumberland already, we aim to provide a similar offer within Berwick area, therefore meeting the needs of our community more locally.

Although hosted by St Mary's, this group will be run by and for parents and will endeavour to help support families with children with additional needs within our local area, so please come along and share your ideas and thoughts on what we can do next as we begin this exciting new adventure.

As well as having a chance to meet members of NAS, local schools, we will also have free tea, coffee and biscuits to help the conversations flow.



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