



The Duchy of Lancaster Newsletter

Friday 7th November

News and information for families and the community



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Message from Mr Finney

I am writing to share several important updates about our school community this week.

Next week, we will be observing Anti-Bullying Week, an important initiative that encourages kindness and respect among our pupils.

As part of this, we have send home a competition involving odd socks, which I hope will spark meaningful conversations at home about diversity and acceptance.

Our pupils will be leading a special Collective Worship, demonstrating their leadership and communication skills.

We are also hosting a Reception open afternoon on Wednesday, providing an opportunity for parents to see our youngest learners in their learning environment ready for applications next academic year.



Additionally, we have a Sensory Workshop planned and will be hosting a Reading Café on Friday.

These events highlight our commitment to providing varied and engaging learning experiences for our pupils.

Posters for these are included in this issue.

I look forward to seeing many of you at these upcoming events.

RABBITS




This term, Rabbits class has been exploring "All About Me" through the lens of our local world!

We've been discussing our journeys to school and noticing the unique features of the places around us.

A highlight has been creating models of our own homes, thinking carefully about their appearance and the different types of homes that exist.

The children then brought their creations to life with paint, further developing their observational skills and understanding of their own environment.

HEDGEHOGS



Hedgehogs class has been exploring the exciting world of shapes in art!

Inspired by the dynamic hanging sculptures of Alexander Calder, we've been learning about geometric and organic forms.

The children put their knowledge into practice by creating a collaborative sculpture, bringing their own artistic visions to life in a truly impressive display!





READING AT DUCHY

IN ACTION

Come and see your child learn reading as our expert teachers demonstrate a lesson.

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

9AM - 9:45AM

SENSORY WORKSHOP

12.11.2025

with **SOPHIE BREARLEY**



SENSORY WORKSHOP
LEARN ABOUT SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME WITH SENSORY NEEDS

2pm School Hall

SQUIRRELS

Squirrels have had a great last 2 weeks off term.

We have written an exciting narrative based on the iconic 'more' scene in Oliver Twist, showing off our knowledge of expanded noun phrases and practicing our speech punctuation.

Once finished with our first draft we had a go at editing for the first time to improve our work before we published our narratives.

In art we finished our study of dark and light using acrylic paints to find the dramatic dark and dramatic light of a range of autumnal fruit and vegetables.

The final paintings are now showcased on the Squirrels display board in the corridor.

BADGERS



Badgers class has been sharpening their maths and English skills!

In maths, they've been exploring different strategies for tackling addition and subtraction problems, building their confidence and problem-solving abilities.

In English, they've proudly completed their narrative writing, honing their editing skills to polish their stories to perfection.



Saturday, 6th December

CHRISTMAS *tree lighting*

Where: Fenton Room, St George's Hall	Time: 6 to 8pm	Music, Mulled wine, Mince pies, Hot chocolate
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Everyone welcome!

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The Community Events Group would like to invite the children of Duchy to make a Christmas decoration and a Christmas wish to hang on the Community Christmas Tree on Saturday 6th December at 6pm.

Hilgay Silver Band will be playing sing-along Christmas carols, and there will also be free mulled wine, hot chocolate, and festive treats available.



CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to

Luca Ettie
Jessica Arlo

Be On Time Bee Winners

Badgers 96.3%

Elephant of Excellence Winners

Gadger

Positive Points

Green Mercator - 96 positive points
Yellow Hillary- 94 positive points
Blue Raleigh- 90 positive points
Red Goodall- 91 positive points

Diary Dates



Reading with your child

FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Come in to school to learn about how we teach reading @9am and see a reading lesson taught in your child's class.



Wrap Around Care

EVERY DAY - 07:45-18:00

Our excellent Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club are open every day. You can book through MCAS.



Sensory Workshop

WEDNESDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

2pm in the School Hall. Learn how to support sensory needs at home.

Links



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