

ACORN CLASS

AUTUMN TERM 1 • 2026–27

ALL ABOUT ME

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year!

Here is a snapshot of what the children will be exploring, creating and learning during Autumn Term 1.

PE Tuesday & Friday	Forest School Friday	Phonics Every day • 9–9.30	Birthday Wear your own clothes!
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A peek at our learning

■ Expressive Arts & Design

Colour mixing; drawing and painting self-portraits; creating patterns; painting and collaging owls; and making leaf pictures. We will also learn lots of songs, including the rainbow song with BSL, body songs, harvest and autumn songs.

■ English

Our weekly books are *The Colour Monster*, *The Colour Monster Goes to School*, *A Little Bit Brave*, *The Little Red Hen*, *Owls and Owl Babies* and *The Leaf Man*.

■ Phonics

Phonics takes place every day from 9–9.30. The children will be learning Phase 2 sounds and Phase 2 tricky words.

■ Maths

Counting objects, actions and sounds; subitising to 3; linking numerals to cardinal value to 3; exploring the composition of numbers to 3; continuing, copying and creating patterns; and comparing length, weight and capacity.

■ Understanding the World

We will look at parts of our body, nocturnal and hibernating animals and autumn, as well as our families, where we live and our house.

Our autumn inspiration

Leaves • owls • colour • patterns • families • our homes • woodland exploration



Reading together at home

Initially, your child will receive a **book without words**. These encourage children to think for themselves and form their own interpretation of what is happening in the narrative. They are a great way to expand their imagination and have lots of fun doing it!

When your child can build and blend a CVC word

They will receive a book with words. Please practise the highlighted sounds in the front of your child's reading record book.

Please also practise reading the highlighted tricky words in your child's high-frequency word card, sent home with their reading record book.

Uniform reminders

- Shoulder-length hair must be tied back.
- No jewellery, including earrings.
- No nail varnish.
- No shaved or patterned hairstyles or hair gel.
- Sensible hair accessories – no big bows.
- Wear your own clothes on your birthday!

The books we'll be enjoying

The Colour Monster	The Colour Monster Goes to School	A Little Bit Brave
The Little Red Hen	Owls and Owl Babies	The Leaf Man

Our Autumn Term 1 focus: ALL ABOUT ME

We are looking forward to a happy, creative and curious start to the year together.