

LOWER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN
EDITION

Welcome
back!

We're thrilled to welcome all our families, both returning and new, back to school for the start of another exciting academic year.

We hope you had a restful summer and enjoyed some quality time together. Our staff have been working hard to get everything ready for a smooth and positive start.

This half-termly newsletter will keep you updated with everything that's happening in school – from highlights of the children's learning and class trips, to key dates, achievements, and celebrations. It's a great way for us to share all the brilliant things happening and keep you connected with school life.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead, full of learning, laughter, and memorable moments!

LEARNING LEGENDS



Our Learning Legends are ready for an exciting term ahead! Each class will be diving into new adventures, from exploring senses and body parts to discovering where we live, creating art, and cooking up tasty treats. We can't wait to share their wonderful learning adventures with you. Take a look below to see what your child's class will be exploring this term!

ACORNS

Acorns Class will be busy growing through play this term! Their learning will focus on regulation and sensory exploration, with lots of opportunities to join in sensory circuits and enjoy a rich, play-based curriculum designed to support their growth and development.

WILLOW

Willow Class will be going on a sensory adventure, discovering the world through touch, sound, sight, taste, and smell. From feeling different textures to exploring animals and body parts through play, every activity will be hands-on and engaging. Their world of art and design will be full of colour, messy self-portraits, and tasting and smelling new foods.

CHESTNUT

Chestnut Class will be young investigators, looking closely at how our bodies and senses work, and exploring animals and humans in more depth. They'll also be geographers discovering their local community, and beginning to use computers to support their learning. Creative projects will include expressive self-portraits in art and designing and taste-testing healthy foods in DT.

ROWAN

Rowan Class will be curious explorers, starting to connect their sensory play to bigger ideas. They'll be learning about body parts and senses, meeting animals (including humans!), and exploring the local area around them. In art, they'll be making their mark with expressive self-portraits. In DT, they'll get hands-on with healthy eating, mixing fun with learning.

POPLAR

Poplar Class will be starting the term by travelling Through the Ages, exploring life in ancient civilisations. In science, they'll investigate animal nutrition and the skeletal system, while also cooking up a storm in DT with Cook Well, Eat Well, and getting creative in art through colour theory. Our mini David Attenborough's will be investigating One Planet, Our World.





EXCITING EXTRAS!

We're excited to announce that Forest School is coming to Forest Oak! Taking place in our beautiful school woodlands, children will have the chance to explore nature, build confidence, and enjoy learning outdoors. Keep an eye on Dojo for more details and updates!

COMING SOON



Upcoming Events

22nd-28th September Recycle week

6th-12th October - World space
week

10th October - World mental health
day

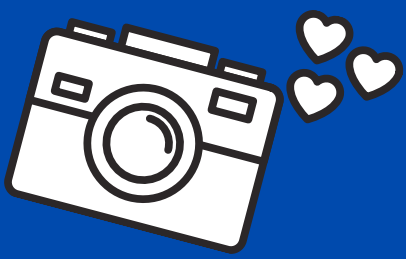
19th-23rd October - Diwali

23rd October - Halloween disco

27th-31st October - Half-term



Memory
Moments



Coming
Soon

Special mention



Kindness shoutout

Each week in assembly, we'll be celebrating those little acts of kindness by pulling a name from our Kindness Box to recognise children who've been caught being kind. As we wait to welcome the children back, we'd like to start by giving a huge shout-out to our amazing caretakers and cleaning team. They've worked tirelessly to keep the school sparkling clean and in top shape, ready for a fantastic year ahead. Thank you, we appreciate you!

Awesome achievers

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Wise words

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WORKING TOGETHER

We love working together with our families and value your support. Mornings are a busy time as teachers greet children and office staff get the day started, so the best way to reach your child's teacher is via Dojo. They'll reply as soon as they can. Thank you for helping us make every day a positive start – we're looking forward to a wonderful year ahead!

A quote from our
Interim Executive
Headteacher Mr
Kieran Ryan-
Grealish

"It is my absolute pleasure to welcome all our wonderful pupils back to Forest Oak School or those who are starting here in September 2025. I am delighted to be joining you as your new Executive Head Teacher and I look forward to an exciting year ahead, full of learning, growth, and achievements. Together, we will continue to make Forest Oak a place where everyone feels valued, supported, and inspired to be the very best they can be!"

Safeguarding

'We have a duty of care to protect and safeguard all our pupils from harm'

If you have any concerns or wish to raise any safeguarding issues, please call in to school and ask to speak to a DSL - Designated Safeguarding Lead or email s502kpoxon@merstone.solihull.sch.uk