



Broadhurst Weekly Newsletter

17th October 2025

Message from the Headmistress



Dear Families,

As we come to the end of a wonderful first half of term, there is so much to celebrate. The children are now fully settled, happy, and making fantastic progress – it is a joy to see their confidence and curiosity growing each day.

Thank you for taking the time to attend Parents' Evenings and for your continued support. Our 4+ assessments have begun, and it's been lovely to see the children returning from their visits cheerful and well adjusted - a really positive sign.

Wishing everyone a restful half term break, and a very happy Diwali to those celebrating. We look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 27th for another exciting half term ahead.

Warm regards,

Eilish Sleator
Headmistress

Pre-Nursery

This week in Pre-Nursery the children have been full of excitement as they explored lots of wonderful learning experiences linked to the upcoming festival of **Diwali**. They loved singing *The Diya Song* and talking about the many ways families celebrate Diwali around the world. Miss Lalwani joined us to share stories and traditions that helped bring the festival to life - the children were fascinated by the colourful lights, beautiful decorations, and the idea of celebrating kindness and togetherness.

Physical Development:

In our movement sessions, the children practised their balancing skills, concentrating carefully as they placed one foot in front of the other on the balancing steps. There were plenty of smiles (and a few wobbles!) as they grew in confidence and coordination.

Mathematics:

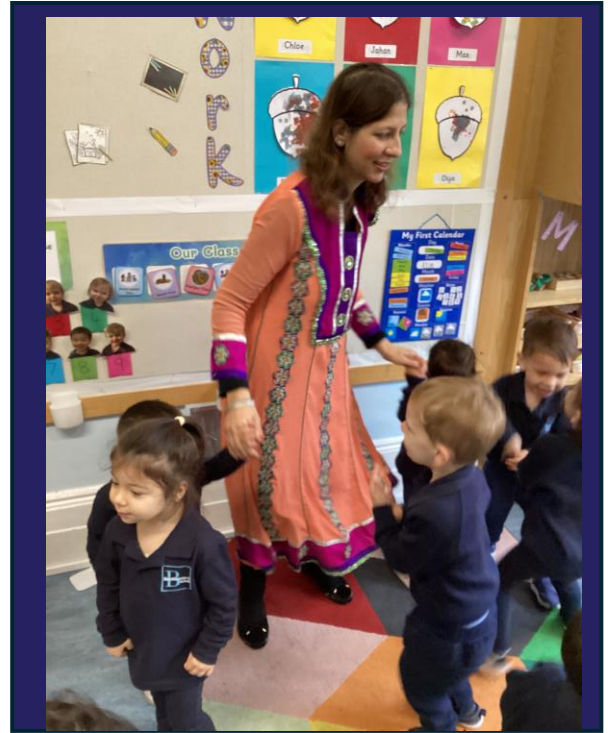
We have been busy reinforcing number recognition this week by identifying missing numbers from 1 to 5. The children are becoming increasingly confident in spotting patterns, ordering numbers and celebrating each success with great enthusiasm.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

Our discussions focused on the importance of drinking water and how it helps to keep our bodies healthy and strong. The children shared when they like to have a drink of water and enjoyed talking about the ways we can look after ourselves throughout the day.

Expressive Arts and Design:

Creativity has been flowing as the children made stunning Diwali-themed crafts using an exciting mix of colours, textures and sparkly materials. They took great pride in their artwork and enjoyed talking about the Diya lamps and fireworks that make Diwali such a bright and joyful celebration.







This week in Nursery, the children have been busy exploring a wonderful mix of learning experiences inspired by the changing seasons and the upcoming **Diwali festival**. They have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they've observed the world around them and discovered new ways to express their ideas.

Phonics

The children learned the sounds 'k' and 'u' and practised blending simple CVC words to strengthen their early reading and listening skills. They are becoming increasingly confident at identifying sounds and taking pride in their growing phonics knowledge.

Communication and Language / Understanding the World

Our autumnal walk was a highlight of the week! The children eagerly spotted crunchy leaves, berries and conkers, and shared their observations about the seasonal changes they could see. They also explored the festival of **Diwali**, learning about the traditions, decorations, and special ways people celebrate the Festival of Lights.

Physical Development

This week's autumn-themed obstacle course was a great success, helping the children build their balance, strength, and coordination while having plenty of fun.

Mathematics

In maths, the children created patterns using natural materials and worked hard to spot and correct simple mistakes. They also enjoyed playing number bingo to explore the concepts of *one more* and *one less*, a wonderful blend of learning and laughter!

Problem Solving and Science

Problem Solving took us on a journey of discovery as the children explored maps, talked about where they live, and collaborated to create a simple map of their classroom. In Science, the children carried out a colourful experiment by placing sweets in water to observe colour diffusion, they were amazed to see rainbows forming on their plates and made thoughtful predictions about what might happen next.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Our discussions this week focused on **respect and responsibility**, particularly how we care for living things and the world around us. The children spoke beautifully about ways to show kindness and consideration in everyday life.

Literacy

The children loved reading *Leaf Man* and used actions and expressions to retell the story. They then created a story map to help them remember the sequence of events, a fantastic way to build storytelling confidence.

Expressive Arts and Design / Music and Movement:

Using natural materials collected during their walk, the children made their own *Leaf Man* artworks, combining creativity with their understanding of autumn and seasonal change. In Music and Movement, they sang "*Five Currant Buns*" with great enthusiasm to reinforce their understanding of number patterns and had lots of fun joining in with the actions!





Reminders



- **Half Term:** Monday 20th – Friday 24th October.
- **School Resumes:** Monday 27th October.