



Broadhurst Weekly Newsletter

31 October 2025

Message from the Headmistress



🎃 **Happy Halloween!** 🧛

It has been a wonderfully autumnal and Halloweeny week at school! The children have returned from half term full of confidence and enthusiasm, and it's been lovely to see their learning take on all things pumpkins, potions, and falling leaves.

What a *spine-tinglingly* fun end to the week, seeing our adorable little skeletons, witches, and pumpkins arriving this morning, the excitement in the building has been truly *magical*! Extra brownie points to the bat dog who bravely escorted *Count Cyrus of Warhol Class* to school in true Halloween style this morning! 🦋

Assessments are going really well so far, and we have already had a few *boo-tiful* offers from schools, such positive news and a real credit to the children's hard work. We are immensely proud of them all.

Please don't forget to let us know your assessment dates so that we can make sure our preparation is perfectly targeted.

Wishing all our families a *spooktacular* weekend - sorry for all the puns, I couldn't resist! 🎃 🕸 **Eilish Sleator - Headmistress**

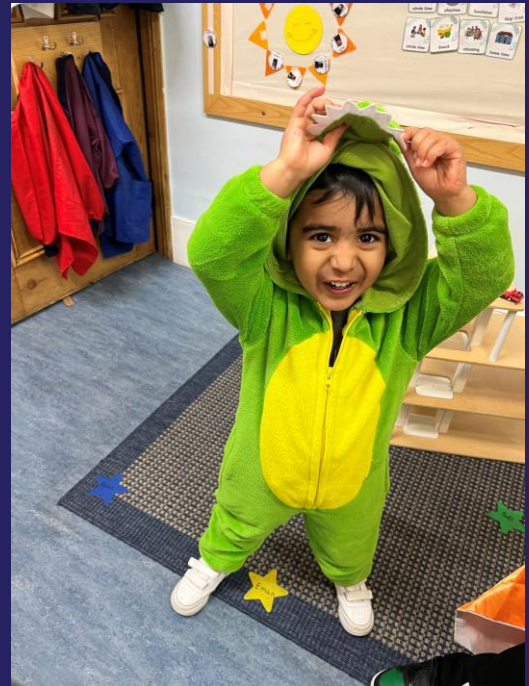
Pre-Nursery

This week in Pre-Nursery, the children have been completely immersed in a world of **Halloween exploration**. Our classrooms have been full of excitement, curiosity, and a little bit of spooky fun as we explored a range of seasonal activities designed to support every area of learning and development.

The children began the week by sharing their experiences from the half-term holidays. It was lovely to hear them talk about the places they visited and the people they spent time with. These conversations encouraged them to express themselves confidently and listen carefully to one another, helping to build their communication and language skills.

As part of our understanding of the world, we have been exploring pumpkins. The children examined their size, colour, and texture, and talked about how pumpkins grow. They were fascinated by what was inside — and used their fine motor skills to scoop, scrape, and manipulate the stringy insides and slippery seeds. This sensory experience really captured their attention and led to lots of giggles!







Nursery

This week in Nursery, the children have been busy enjoying a variety of exciting, hands-on autumn and Halloween-themed activities. Our learning has been filled with curiosity, laughter, and creativity as we explored pumpkins, harvest time, and lots of opportunities to practise new skills.

In phonics, the children have been learning the sounds *b* and *f*. They practised saying the sounds clearly, listening for them in words, and blending simple CVC words such as *bat*, *bug*, and *fun*. It has been wonderful to see how proud they are when they can recognise and read these short words independently.

Physical development was another highlight of the week. The children used their fine motor skills to thread beads and scoop out pumpkin seeds, strengthening their hand muscles for writing. They also had great fun during our harvest relay and balance games, where they practised teamwork, coordination, and turn-taking.

In maths, we explored counting pumpkins and seeds, comparing their size and weight, and using words like *heavier* and *lighter*. The children also had opportunities to think creatively and solve problems by working out different ways to move giant pumpkins around the outdoor area - testing out their reasoning and cooperation skills. We turned this week's learning into a science experiment too and the children made predictions about whether pumpkins would sink or float, then tested their ideas and observed what really happened. This sparked some wonderful conversations about weight, water, and materials.

Our creative focus continued with watercolour painting, where the children created beautiful pumpkin artwork using warm Autumn colours. They concentrated carefully on their brushstrokes and enjoyed watching how the colours blended and mixed together.

In preparation for our upcoming assessments, the children have been practising creating and continuing autumn patterns, spotting differences, and explaining their reasoning, demonstrating lots of confidence in their critical thinking skills. We also had plenty of fun with music and movement, joining in with the *Pumpkin Patch Boogie*! The children moved, danced, and sang with so much energy and enthusiasm.

We are so proud of how curious and engaged the children have been, and we're already looking forward to more adventures next week!







Reminders



- **Perform Drama** - visiting on Monday 3rd November for fun drama sessions in class.
- **Parent Rep meeting 7th November** – 8.00am in Ms. Sleator's office or online via Zoom. Please find the Zoom link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77872735254?pwd=IddlKY846cKkUnUWUxlQjG7o5APOpm.1>

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