



October 2025

Friday 24th October 2025



Message from the Head of School:

Well, we have reached half term. Well done to all of our staff and children, I am very proud!

I would like to take the opportunity to personally thank Mrs. Jew on her last day for standing up for me when I was unwell and keeping our Cleeve Prior ship sailing. We wish her every success in her new role as Headteacher. I have no doubt she will be fantastic!

I am looking forward to working closely with Mrs. Donnelly (our Executive Headteacher) and trying to grow our school more and more over the coming years.

Finally, I wish our entire school community a very happy and safe half term. We return to school on Monday 3rd November.

Best wishes

Mrs Laughlin



1 - Thank you Mrs. Jew!



2 - A small token of our thanks.

Touch base Tuesday: Reading

“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

Reading in school is one of our key priorities. Every day starts with reading for all children. Children are heard read in school but we would encourage children to read and enjoy stories and tales out of school. To help with this, we held our Touch Base Tuesday reading session in school at the end of September. Mrs. Jew explained to parents how we read in school, before our parents were given a chance to see how we teach reading every day.

Thank you to our parents who joined us for making this such a worthwhile experience.

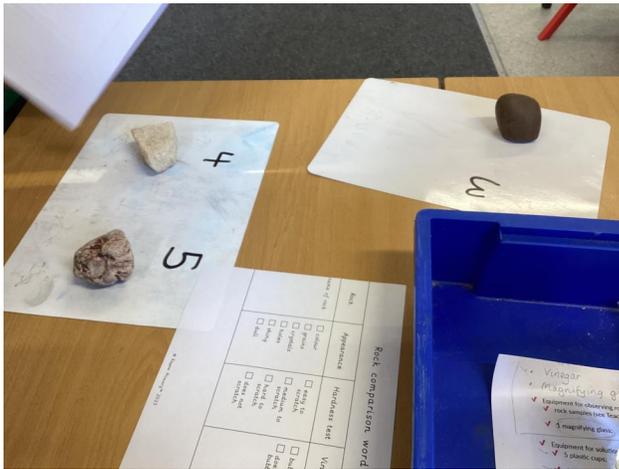
Oak Class Learning

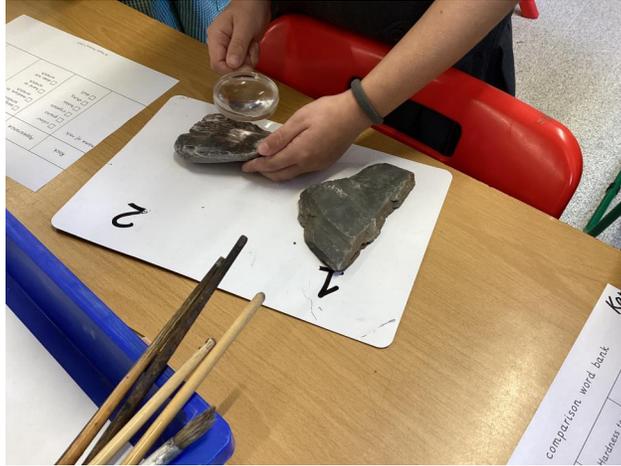


I have seen some fantastic learning in Oak Class. Dissolving, classifying rocks, making pneumatic monsters, Stone Age life - just to name a few. Here are some pictures of the learning over the last month.



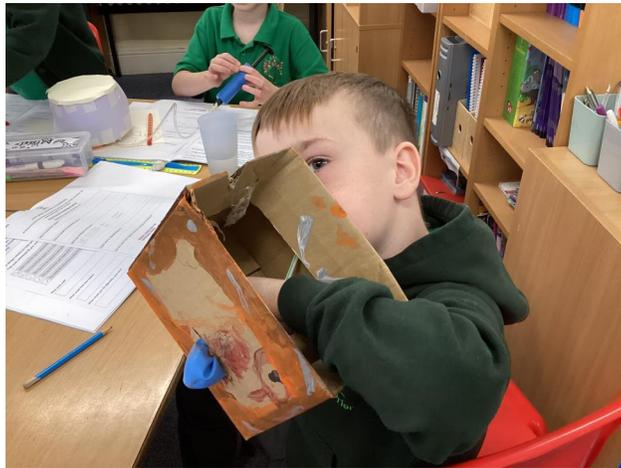














Name	Height	Weight
Sam	120cm	25kg
Ben	115cm	22kg
Lucy	110cm	20kg

Willow Class Learning







Harvest Service



We held yet another successful Harvest Service at St Andrews. Thank you to Mother Jo, Mrs. Jew and the children for leading the service. Thank you to all of our families who joined us and for the fantastic donations we received.



Forest School













Achievement Assembly









Parking

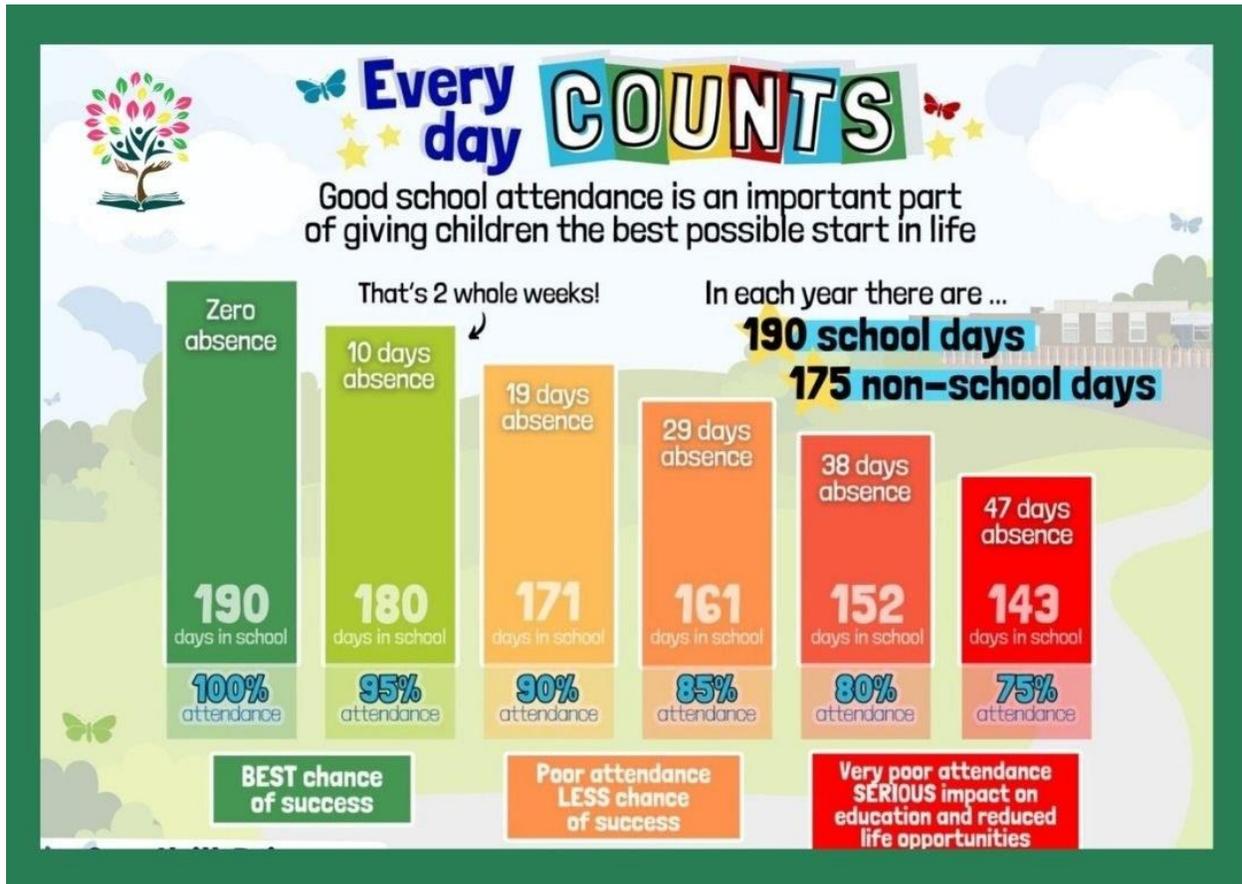
Thank you to all of our parents who park safely each day when dropping off and picking up. Can I please remind everyone to park considerately to our community in the village and that parking is not allowed on the zig-zag lines or in the staff car park. We will be having a visit from our community policing team after half term to support with Road Safety week in November.

Autumn Days



As we return from Half Term in November, please ensure children bring a coat and other warm items to school with them every day as there can always be an unexpected shower!

Attendance



Online Safety

webwise.ie

ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS



1. GET INFORMED

Get started by visiting webwise.ie/parents. You'll find expert advice, how to guides, explainers and helpful talking points for parents.



2. HAVE THE CHAT

Have regular conversations with your child on the important things to look out for online and any potential risks.



3. AGREE RULES

Agree on a clear set of rules in your home about internet use and around screentime. Remember the importance of a healthy balance!



4. ASK FOR HELP

Reassure your child that they can always come talk to you about anything that comes up online.



5. LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Do as you say! Modelling behaviour is the most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour!



6. JOIN IN

The internet is a great resource for children! Play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.

Visit webwise.ie/parents for more expert advice, support and resources

We talk to your children about online safety in their computing lessons and in Worships and PSHE. Please reinforce this message by talking to them about how they can stay safe online at home.

Safeguarding



3 - Halloween can be a really exciting time for children, dressing up and going out trick or treating. Please remember though that not everyone enjoys visitors to their door. Look out for pumpkins on doorsteps and in windows to know that that person is happy to receive that knock on the door.



4 - Fireworks are so much fun for most people but, as we know, have inherent risks. Willow Class will be talking all things firework safety on our return. Please talk to your children about the dangers to keep everyone safe this half-term.

Diary Dates



Monday 3rd November - Return to school

Tuesday 4th November - Oak Class PE session

Thursday 6th November - Forest School

Friday 7th November - Multi sports after school until 4pm