GRAVENHURST ACADEMY

Growing Together, Learning Together

BEST BEDFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS TRUST

EYFS Newsletter – Autumn 2026

Values this term: Friendship, Tolerance, Courage and Kindness

Welcome to Acorn Class!

This is the first of the three termly newsletters you will receive to keep you informed of what we will be doing over the year.

In Autumn 2 we will be having weekly forest school sessions, the children will spend time exploring the forest, taking park in activities and enjoy being in our beautiful outdoor environment.

Mathematics

We will start the year exploring through play and getting to know each other. After a few weeks we will begin to look at comparing objects and patterns, before moving onto looking into numbers 1,2 and 3! There is a big focus on the children having a secure understanding of numbers to 10.

Literacy

Our literacy focus will be based on sharing, enjoying and talking about a variety of books and stories. We will spend time exploring the classroom, getting to know each other and playing together. Formal phonics will begin towards the end of this first half term, where we will learn single sounds and the correct letter formation.

Topic

We will explore 2 topics in the Autumn term, these are: 'Ourselves' including People who help us and 'Festivals', We will begin celebrating the children in Acorns and getting to know each other. In Autumn 2 we will explore a variety of festivals, for example, Diwali, Hanukkah, Advent and Christingle.

Polite Reminders

- Please sign the home/school agreement at the front of your child's reading record.
- Please make sure all of your child's clothing has their name in, even shoes!
- Please could your child have a spare named set of clothes in school at all times.
- Children should bring a named water bottle to school each day containing only water.
- If your child is going home with someone different, please let staff know in the morning
- Class Dojo can be used for brief messages, however please contact the office for any urgent queries/child absence.

For a complete list of diary dates and further information why not visit our website on www.gravenhurstacademy.org.uk