GRAVENHURST ACADEMY

Growing Together, Learning Together

BEST BEDFORDSHIRE SCHOOLS TRUST

Weekly Newsletter — Friday 16th October 2026

Our Value this half term is Friendship

Diary Dates

20th Oct	Open Morning for New starters 9.30-10.30am
22nd Oct	Halloween Cake Bake Sale
23rd Oct	Pumpkin competition & Halloween dress up day
26th– 30th Oct	Half term holidays
3rd Nov	Open Morning for New starters 9.30-10.30am
5th Nov	Sparklers– Please bring gloves to school
12th Nov	Bags to School

House Points Tally:

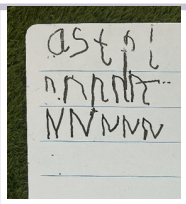
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Menu will be: Week 1

Acorn Class loved welcoming you at the beginning of the week to watch our whole school Harvest Festival. Thank you for joining us at the chapel and supporting the children.



We started our second week of phonics, introducing the next set of sounds 'i', 'n', 'm' and 'd'. We have spent the week learning the actions, sound and forming the letter correctly, we have also worked on the children's early segmenting and blending skills, recognising the initial sounds in words and beginning to sound and blend simple CVC words. Thank you for your support in practicing the phonics box with your child, having a look at their home learning and sharing stories with them, this all makes a massive difference! (Just a small reminder to treat the new books with lots of care and to not put water bottles in book bags please!)



In Maths we have looked at comparing size, mass and capacity. We have used Goldilocks and the 3 bears to help us with recognising the correct sized objects for each bear and distinguishing between small, medium and large sizes. The children looked at comparing the mass of something, identifying that if something is heavy the scale goes down and if it is light then the scale goes up. The children recreated this with various classroom objects and showing which object was heavy or light by pretending their arms were scales. Lastly we explored various boxes sizes and suggested items that would be suitable to fit in that box e.g. a small box wouldn't fit a chair in it but it may fit a toy train or an orange in. The children made excellent suggestions and enjoyed these tasks – well done!



On Monday we continued with our tennis skills, recapping different movement styles before practicing their





bounce and catch. The children try really hard with this and have been focusing on carefully dropping the ball and tracking it to be able to catch it again. We had fun looking at self portraits on Tuesday, the children had to look at half of their face and see if they could fill in the other half, mirroring the image they had of themselves to copy.



Acorn class have also enjoyed music this week, talking about various songs that have actions and joining in with them. The children enjoyed singing heads, shoulders, knees and toes, row, row, row your boat and lastly suggesting actions for the song if you're happy and you know it. Throughout the week the children have enjoyed playing outside, creating in the mud kitchen, riding the balance bikes, creating designs with various construction toys, drawing and more! Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

