Ash class newsletter

Autumn 2026 second half term

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to school! This half term our topic work will be based around our theme **Let's Celebrate!** We will start by exploring Bonfire Night, Diwali and then The Nativity and Christmas celebrations. All very exciting!





We will continue to monitor and develop children's physical skills, highlighting the importance of developing strength, balance, tone and co-ordination, or "gross motor skills." Please take a look at the attached information sheet for ideas you could try at home.

The children will also explore map making skills and the vocabulary used to show where things are, eg above, in, under, in between. They will be encouraged to re-enact familiar stories alongside their friends and develop their own imaginative storytelling, whilst using small world play props.

Daily opportunities will be provided to reinforce key maths concepts, such as reciting numbers in order, 1:1 counting strategies and subitising (recognising the quantity of objects within a small group without having to count them), with the older children looking at one more / one less and the composition of numbers up to 5.



All Ash parents and any local parents and carers with pre-school aged children are invited to join our class, from **2.40pm** on **Thursday 19th November** for **Story and Rhyme Time.** Nursery children who do not attend on Thursdays, are also very welcome to come along with an adult.

Cleave Farm visit – Wednesday 11th November from 9.20am- 12.00pm
Offwell Woodland Welly Walk – Thursday November 26th from 9.20 am – 11am
Key Stage 1 Nativity performance – 16th December (time to follow)
Details of all our other C**hristmas activities** will be sent out separately at the end of the month.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Regards Ash Team