Acorn Park School

Newsletter



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Friday 22nd October 2026

Web: https://www.acornpark.org.uk/

🎉 Good afternoon everyone!

✝ We have our box from the poppy appeal at reception for those of you that wish to send in a small donation for items. There are a mix of snap bands, pencils, bracelets and zips.

📅 Term dates

We've had a few enquiries about the possibility of a two-week half term. At the moment, we are not considering this change. While some local secondary schools use this model, many do not, and some that have trialled it previously have since returned to a traditional calendar. For us, any decision about term dates must consider the needs of all of our pupils and families. Many of our children thrive on routine, consistency and regular school attendance, and longer breaks can make returning to school more challenging for some.

We also recognise the impact an additional week at home could have on family childcare arrangements. Any change like this would also mean looking at longer school days or making up the time elsewhere in the year. If we were ever considering a significant change to term dates, we would give families plenty of notice. As always, if you ever have questions about school decisions, or are curious about why our approach may differ from another school, please get in touch. We're always happy to explain the thinking behind the decisions we make for our school community.

☑ We'll publish our 2027-28 term dates once Norfolk have finished their consultation on dates.

💉 Vaccinations and Immunisations

We understand that some families have received a message from the NHS vaccination service stating that their child has "missed a vaccination at Acorn Park". We appreciate this may have caused some confusion. Acorn Park has not hosted vaccination clinics for over a year, following a decision made across all OFG schools, and this was shared with the relevant services. Unfortunately, the wording of the message may have suggested that an appointment was available at school when this was not the case. Alternative vaccination arrangements are provided directly by the immunisation service.

🤝 If your child would benefit from support to access a vaccination appointment, we're always happy to help. Please speak to your child's teacher, who can offer advice, strategies and resources to support your child.

✉ Dojo message groups

We're updating how we use our Dojo group messages for handover. This is to ensure messages are consistently followed up and kept in one chat. This will include the class teacher, HLTA where applicable, relevant FLO and deputy head.

📲 Please remember we don't have Dojo open during the day, so if you need us during the day or need to report an absence, please call us on 01953 888656.

✨ This Week's Highlights ✨

OptionsAutism

Kerr class invited Dodd class to a little party yesterday afternoon, we had a written invitation from the Kerr students, and the children played pass the parcel and musical statues. All the children had a fabulous time, and the Kerr students were so welcoming to ours. Everyone danced and joined in so well and came away with a prize from the pass the parcel game. They were still talking about it this morning they had such a great time

KS2 celebrated the end of their first half-term of French learning. After showing great enthusiasm while learning simple sentences, feelings, colours, numbers and verbs, the children enjoyed a special celebration. KS2 staff dressed up as French people, they had a special French guest, and they were offered traditional French foods, including baguettes, croissants and Brie cheese. It was a fun and engaging way to celebrate their progress and discover French culture!

Golding & Shelley Classes visited Algy's Farm today to pick their own pumpkins.

A few things coming up this term…
We have new menus after the half term break - find them here -
https://www.acornpark.org.uk/parents-and-carers/important-information/
23rd October – 1st November – half term
2nd November – First day back after half term
18th December – last day of term and family open day

Student Stars of the Week

Care
Zayd R for transitioning to QT Robot and accessing his emotional literacy programme.

Strive
Frankie S for having such a brilliant day on Wednesday and taking part in Acorn Activities independently and respectfully.

Grow
Rohan P counted independently from 1 – 10 as he was looking at his fingers.

Thrive
Logan L has settled really well into Deary class, communicating when he needs a side-hug or wants a different activity.

Wishing you a wonderful half term break

Adam and Emma