

Autumn Term 2023

Diary Dates

- Welcome Mass 2pm on
21st September
- Harvest Mass 2pm on
19th October
- Parent Consultations (FS2)
17th and 18th October
- Half Term **Fortnight**
Commencing Monday,
23rd October
- Inset Day— 6th November
- Stay and Play Day (FS1)
Monday, 13th November
9.00-11.00am or
12.30-2.30pm
- FS1 and FS2
Christmas Celebration
15th December 9.30pm
- Christmas Jumper Day and
Carols around the Tree
19th December
- Advent Mass 2pm on
21st December
- We ask for a contribution
of £2 per term per child to
cover the cost of cooking
or gardening. Please bring
this in ASAP in an
envelope with your child's
name on it.
- P.E is every Monday.
Please ensure your FS2
child always has correct kit
in school.
- FS1 Library books are
changed every Thursday.
FS2 books are changed
every Monday.

Foundation Stage Autumn Term 2023



Miss Chapman, Miss Matthews and all of the staff in the Foundation Stage offer a very warm welcome to our new children starting this term, and, of course, a warm welcome back to our existing children. Mrs Head (Wednesday) and Miss Meier (Thursday and Friday) will be joining the team this year.

BRW's overarching theme this year is: I am who I am

From Exodus (3:14) where God spoke to say he is present in our lives eternally. No matter when and where, He is there. As God's children, we too must be present in our own lives, recognising the richness and fullness in our world. We will share this with others this year in our mission, showing pride in who we are, where we come from and where we are going. **I am who I am!**



In the Foundation Stage, we will be promoting and celebrating this theme within our topic title of:

We're All Wonders

How are we the same? How are we different?

We are going to have a very strong focus on ourselves and our relationships with others:

- * knowing that we are all unique, but we all have similarities and differences in what we look like, what we enjoy, can do, where we come from and what we want to do in the future.
- * knowing that we all make marvellous mistakes and we can learn from them.

Activities will include learning poems (continuing with the Poetry Basket—look out for them in your e-mails), singing and playing music, sharing stories, using our senses to explore the world around us, being inspired by Leonardo da Vinci to draw self-portraits, learning about Sikhism and comparing that faith to our own faith. In the second half of the term we will be celebrating Diwali, learning about Bonfire Night and creating artwork to respond to these events. The children will also be investigating light.

We will complete the term with a visit to the Lakeside Arts Centre to watch a performance of The Boy who Cried Wolf.

We will continue to keep you informed by sending out weekly updates, but will also use the school website: <http://brwacademy.com> to share and celebrate the children's work. Please also check Twitter @BRWSchool and our Facebook account.



We will sharing stories by the best children's authors —please read them at home as well so that your child can practise and show-off their learning. They are:

We're All Wonders—R.J. Palacio

The Gruffalo— Julia Donaldson

The Very Hungry Caterpillar—Eric Carle

The Rainbow Fish—Marcus Pfister

The Story of Diwali <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories/lets-celebrate-diwaliperformance>

We're Going on a Bear Hunt <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>



Our role play areas will change from a Doctor's Surgery to a Church to a Hairdressers to Santa's workshop!



As usual, Forest School sessions at Glapton Wood led by both Miss Chapman and Miss Matthews will continue to run for all F52 children and for the older children in F51 this term. The younger children in F51 will join in later during the year once they are settled within the Unit. **If it is your child's turn to go, they will come home with a note.**



Forest Schools is a unique and powerful opportunity for children to develop their relationships, resourcefulness, resilience and their ability to reflect in an outdoor, open-ended environment.

PLEASE NOTE, WE WILL NOW BE GOING TO FOREST SCHOOL ON **TUESDAYS!**

Helping at Home—Personal, Social and Emotional Development

Encourage your child to:

- ⇒ say please and thank you.
- ⇒ 'have a go', 'make a good choice'.
- ⇒ take his/her own coat on and off and do up their zip.
- ⇒ get dressed by themselves.
- ⇒ share their toys when playing
- ⇒ to go to the toilet unaided.
- ⇒ to talk about their feelings.
- ⇒ Try these links for ideas on how to help children talk about their feelings: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z7xmmfr> <https://www.happilyfamily.com/7-ways-to-get-kids-to-talk-about-their-feelings/>



Please come and talk to us about any questions you may have.