



Nursery

AUTUMN 2



Finches News

A very warm, Autumnal welcome back to everyone after half term. We hope you managed to have a relaxing week and that you enjoyed a break from the school routine. We are excited to be back with you this term and are looking forward to lots of stimulating learning opportunities over the next two months, including Diwali, Guy Fawkes, Armistice Day, Nursery Rhyme Week, Friendship Week, Maths week and Christmas. We are also very excited to start Bilinguasing where everyone will have the opportunity to explore a variety of different Nursery rhymes and songs, both in English and Spanish!

Another big thank you to those of you who completed the Scarecrow Trail organised by our amazing PTA —what a brilliant variety of entries around the estate. We hope you loved the children's Goldilocks and the Three Bears scarecrows!

We had so many highlights during our first term together and we know these will continue this term.

We hope that you are all able to access and enjoy the learning updates on Tapestry. We do post regular updates of your child's learning experiences and progress so please do try to log in regularly. We love to see your likes and comments on our posts, and your own comments and observations too.

Owl Learning Values

Challenge	Optimism
Collaboration	Pride
Independence	Perseverance
Managing Distractions	



Rainbow Values

Forgiveness	Love
Patience	Honesty
Support	Respect
Kindness & Joy	Peace



Reminders

Coats: Please remember to bring a coat for your child. Coats should be warm and have hoods so outdoor play is not unnecessarily interrupted by colder weather or rain.

Wellies: You are very welcome to keep a pair of wellies at Nursery if you would like to. Please make sure they are clearly named.

Water bottles: Your child can help themselves to drinking water throughout the session so please remember to supply a named water bottle.

Labels: Please remember to keep checking all items of clothing and any bags or bottles are named. Please double check labels applied in Autumn 1 in case they now need re-doing. Thank you.

Jewellery: Jewellery should not be worn at school. Please note that only stud earrings should be worn at any time.

Spare clothes: Please provide a change of clothes, just incase your child needs to change at Nursery.

Library: Please bring book bags and library books to Nursery on a Monday. Each week your child will bring home a book from school to share with you at home.



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Starting School

A reminder to you all that your children are due to start Reception in September 2026 and applications for school places open on 5th November 2025.

If you have not yet registered with Bracknell Forest, please make sure you do as your child must be registered in order to apply for a school place. Please visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/applyforprimary

Obviously we would love to be your school of choice, but please be aware there is no link between Nursery admissions/attendance and the main school admissions. Everyone must make a separate application to start at JPCE in the Reception class.

You are able to select three school preferences—please note this is preference only. We strongly advise you to choose three schools you would be happy to send your child to.

Make the most of the opportunity to visit and tour schools over the coming weeks.

You must return your application on time. The deadline for all applications is midday 15th January 2026.

School offers are due to be sent out mid-April 2026.

We know how important this decision is for you and your child and we are here to help if you have any questions.

Reading Autumn 2 - Book List

Rama and Sita—The Story of Diwali, Malachy Doyle
Remember, Remember, The Fifth of November, Deborah Webb
A Day to Remember, Beth Esthm
Each Peach Pear Plum, Allan Ahlberg and Janet Ahlberg
My Very First Nativity Play, Lois Rock
The Christmas Story, the Bible
Dear Santa, Rod Campbell

Nursery Rhyme Week
Sing a Song of Sixpence
Humpty Dumpty
When I Was One (I played the drum)
I Hear Thunder
Two Little Dickie Birds



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Important Dates - Autumn 2 2025

W/b Monday 3rd November - Maths Week

Wednesday 5th November - Bonfire Night

Friday 7th November—Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 7th November— Wear a number day

W/b Monday 10th November—Nursery Rhyme Week

W/b Monday 10th November—Friendship Week

Monday 10th November—Wear Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 11th November - Armistice Day

Friday 14th November—Be a Buddy Day, Non-uniform

W/b 17th November - Road Safety Week

W/b 17th November - Bilingualing starts

Wednesday 19th November - Glow Walk

Friday 28th November—Pause Day

Monday 1st December—Reverse Advent starts

Friday 5th December—Christmas Fair

Tuesday 9th December—Nursery Christmas Performance

Friday 12th December—Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 18th December - Nursery last day of term,
normal time. Please note that the rest of the school
finish at 1.30pm on Friday 19th December.



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5 Things To Do At Home to Help Your Child:

Self-help skills: encourage children to be as independent as possible, as much as you possibly can.

1. Does your child know what their personal belongings look like? Can they find their coat without help? Their shoes? Their wellies?
2. Can your child hang their coat up? Can they put their shoes/wellies in the right place leaving them tidy?
Can they put one arm into a sleeve of their coat? Can they put the rest of their coat on by themselves?
3. Can your child try to fasten the zip or buttons on jackets and coats?
(Fastening is a trickier skill and we would not expect this to be entirely independent at this stage, but we would expect all children to know what to do, to 'have a go' and to increasingly keep trying before asking for help.
4. Can your child put shoes/wellies onto the right feet? Do they know how their straps or buckles work when putting on and taking off their footwear?
5. Challenge—if your child can already do these things, can they put on their own socks yet?



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Nursery Autumn Term 2: Let's Celebrate

Week	Suggested Contexts for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1	Key text: 'Leaf Man' Signs of Autumn Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot Firework Safety Themed art: Autumn, fireworks Cooking – melting Maths Week	Wednesday 5 th November – Bonfire Night Friday 7 th November – Wear a number day / School Book Fair
Week 2	Armistice Day and Remembrance Themed art: Poppy Whole School Friendship Week Nursery Rhyme Week 2025	Tuesday 11 th Nov - Armistice Day Monday 10 th November – Wear odd socks Friday 14 th November – Be a Buddy Day / Children in Need
Week 3	Key Text: 'Each Pear, Pear, Plum' Road Safety Week 2025	W/b 17 th November – Bilingualising starts
Week 4	Celebrating Diwali Key Text: 'The Story of Rama and Sita' Pause Day	Friday 28 th November – Reindeer Visit
Week 5	Key Text: 'The Christmas Story' Christmas Songs	Monday 1 st December – Reverse Advent begins
Week 6	Christmas Performance Christmas Craft	Tuesday 9 th December – Nursery Christmas Performance Friday 12 th December - Christmas Jumper Day
Week 7	Key text: 'Dear Santa' Christmas Craft Christmas Cooking – Freezing	Class Christmas Party TBC Thurs 18 th – Last Day of term for Nursery