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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 gardening 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
- Collaboration
- Independence
- Managing Distractions
- Optimism
- Pride
- Perseverance



Rainbow Values

- Forgiveness
- Patience
- Support
- Kindness & Joy
- Love
- Honesty
- Respect
- 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 2027 and applications for school places open on 5th November 2026.
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 2027.
School offers are due to be sent out mid-April 2027.
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

<u>Nursery Rhyme Week</u>
Hickory Dickory Dock
Doctor Foster
Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat
Row, Row, Row Your Boat
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Important Dates - Autumn 2 2025

2nd November - Trustwide INSET

3rd/5th November - Parents Evening

5th November - Bonfire Night

6th November—Scholastic Book Fair

W/b 9th November - Nursery Rhyme Week

9th November - Bilinguasing starts

11th November - Armistice Day

13th November - Children in Need

W/b 16th November - Friendship Week

W/b 16th November - Road Safety Week

1st December - Reverse Advent starts

4th December - Pause Day

4th December - Winter Festival

10th December - Nursery Christmas Performance and stay and play

11th December - EYFS Bigfoot Panto

11th December - Christmas jumper day

Thursday 17th December - Nursery last day of term, normal time. Please note that the rest of the school finish at 1.30pm on Friday 18th 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?

Nursery Autumn Term 2: Let's Celebrate

Week	Suggested Contexts for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1	Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot Firework Safety Themed art: fireworks	Thursday 5th November – Bonfire Night / Diwali Dance Workshop Friday 6th November - School Book Fair
Week 2	Armistice Day and Remembrance Themed art: Poppy Nursery Rhyme Week 2026 Celebrating Diwali Key text: 'The Story of Rama and Sita'	Sunday 8th November - Diwali Monday 9th November – Bilguasing starts Wednesday 11th November - Armistice Day Friday 13th November – Children in Need
Week 3	Whole school Friendship Week 2026 Road Safety Week 2026 Maths Week	Friday 20th November – Anti-Bullying Week Workshop
Week 4	Key Text: 'Each Peach, Pear, Plum' Cooking - Melting	
Week 5	Key Text: The Christmas Story Christmas Songs Pause Day	Tuesday 1st December – Reverse Advent begins Friday 4th December – Winter Festival
Week 6	Christmas Performance Christmas Craft	Thursday 10th December – Nursery Christmas Performance Friday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day / Bigfoot Panto visit
Week 7	Key text: 'Dear Santa' Christmas Craft Christmas Cooking – Freezing	Thursday 17th December - Class Christmas Party Thurs 17th December – Last Day of term for Nursery

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