



October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am so pleased to have all of our pupils back and our new starters have settled in beautifully. We currently have 49 pupils, leaving us with three spaces available. I think that over the year these spaces will be filled.

We have advertised for a new Teaching Assistant to replace Miss Park and have appointed a lady called Amber Lindsay. Amber will be starting with us after the October week. Amber will spend two days in Beech, two days in Willow and one day in Sycamore.

This year is going to be a big fundraising year for us. We are looking to replace the minibus which sadly is showing its age and the body work is requiring expensive attention. The rules around who can drive the bus are also complicated and mean that it is only staff of a certain age! This has an impact on how many children can access visits that require the minibus. We are looking to fundraise for two seven-seater vehicles, this would mean that anyone with a driving license would be able to drive them. Please let me know if you have any ideas, connections or ways that we may be able to raise funds of between £50,000 and £80,000 depending on the age and condition of the vehicles that we buy.

I would encourage you to fill in the Ofsted Parent View survey for this academic year, this enables us to gauge how parents feel about our school and what we are doing. We hope that you are enjoying receiving the termly plans for your child/young person, this informs you in detail what they will be learning. You will see that we challenge them every day to make the most progress they can at level appropriate to their needs and that we have very high expectations! Our theme plans are also available for you to access on the website. We also record all the additional activities that are available to our pupils on our enrichment timeline on the website.

We are looking forward to the next half term, we will let you know our Christmas plans. We will as always have lots of fun!

Yours Sincerely

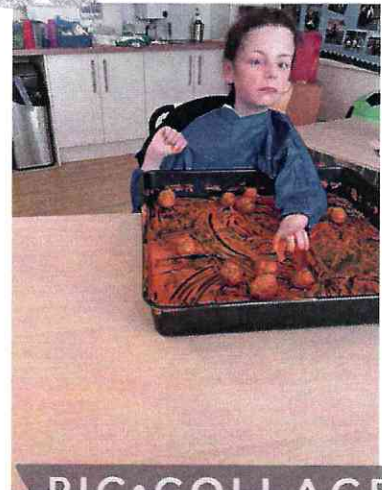
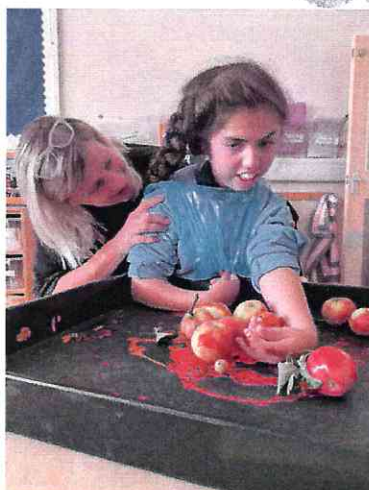
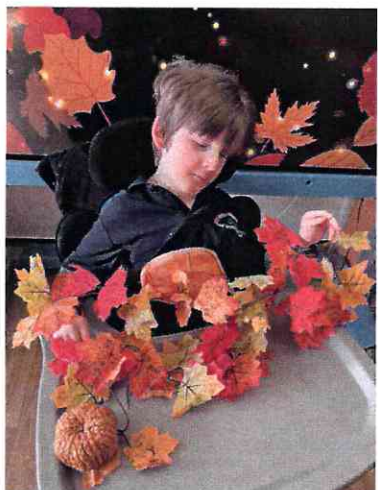
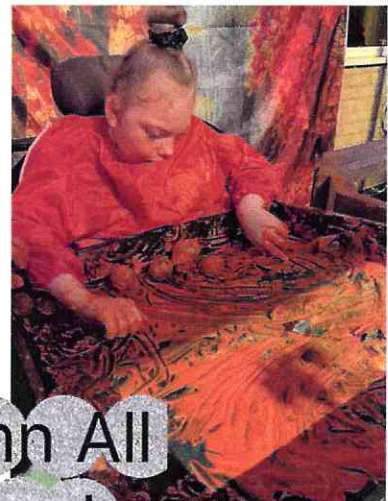
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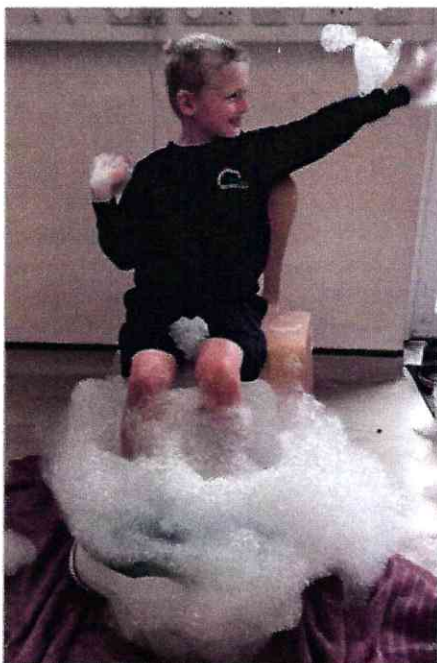


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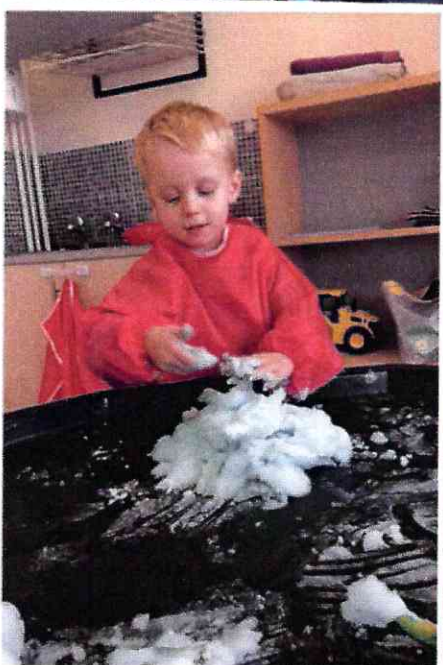


Autumn All Around

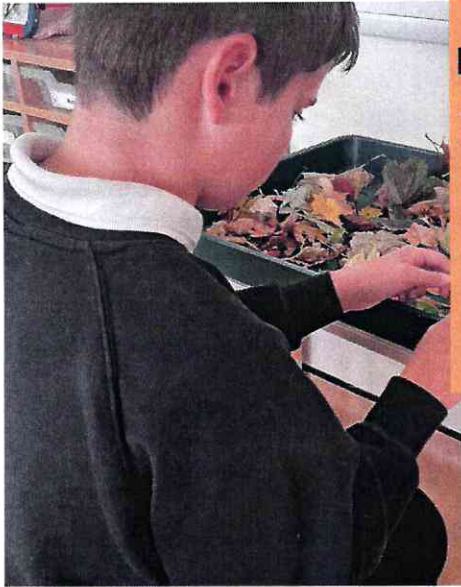




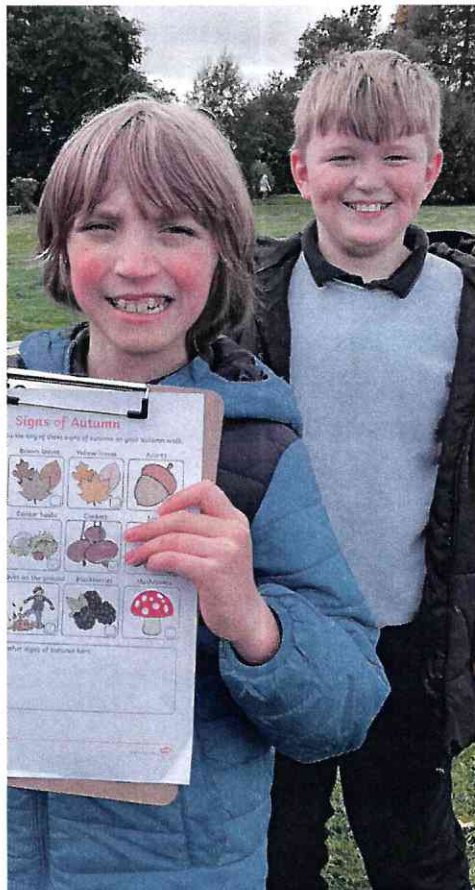
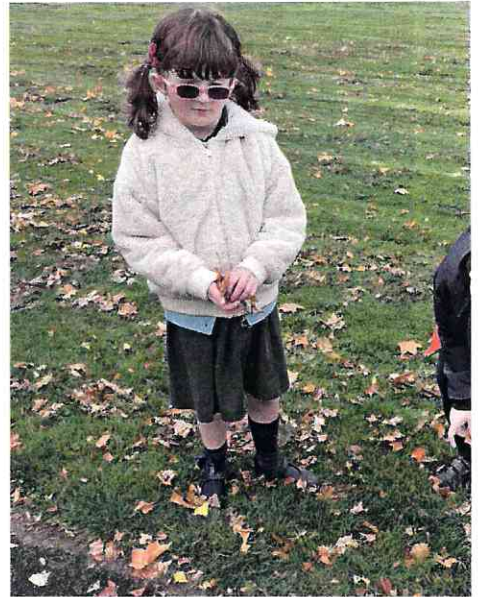
Elm class have enjoyed exploring a range of different sensory experiences this term. Our favourites were definitely the foot spa with lots of bubbles, turning our classroom into a light room and the under water sensory tent 😊



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Beech Class
Beech Class have been learning about Autumn and the changes that are happening to our local environment. We have read Autumn stories, been for Autumn walks, taken part in Autumn crafts and explored Autumn facts.



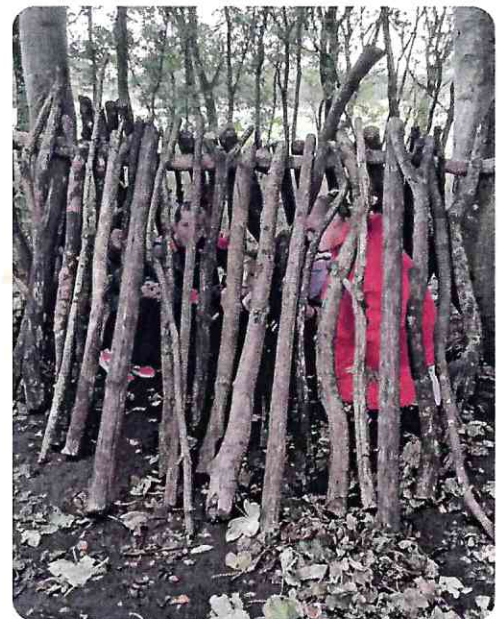
Sycamore pupils are busy learning skills through their traybake business. These include measuring ingredients, using equipment safely and taking turns to tidy up afterwards. There is also money to be counted, traybake to be packaged and delivered safely to our customers. Well done boys and a big thank you to all our valued customers!



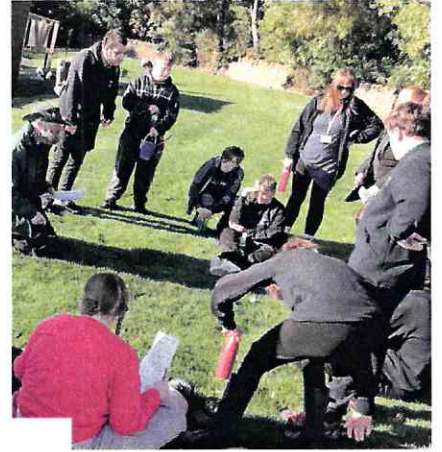
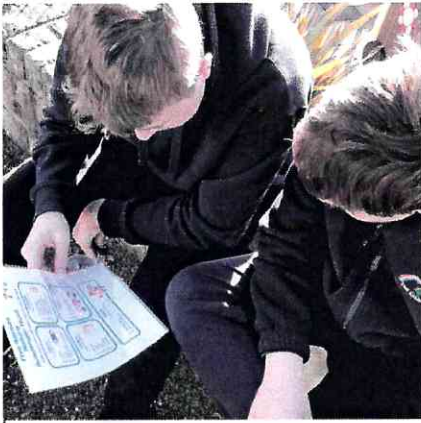
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Oak class are enjoying our outdoor learning sessions at Berwick Holiday Camp. We are learning how to safely build a den, where and how to build a fire, how to safely light a fire using a firesteel and how to properly extinguish a fire. This week we also toasted marshmallows to make smores!



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Cherry Class - Autumn 2025

This term Cherry and Oak are participating in outdoor learning sessions at Haven Berwick Holiday Centre with Brian the Park Ranger.

This week was a sensory scavenger hunt in small teams then rock pooling down at the beach using fishing nets. Brian explained how to identify the sex of a crab using a dead crab that Cherry class found in a rock pool. Another amazing session with Brian!

