



## Weekly Newsletter: 16.10.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin an exciting new chapter in our school's journey, transitioning from Vermont School to Bay Tree School in February, it is important that our pupils remain at the heart of everything we do. Our school is more than just a name; it is a community shaped by the children who learn, grow and thrive within it. As part of this exciting change, we are delighted to give every pupil the opportunity on Monday to have their voice heard by voting for the new school logo they feel best represents Bay Tree School and its values. We believe that meaningful change should be made with our pupils, not simply for them, and their opinions, ideas and choices are incredibly important to us. By involving our pupils in this decision, we hope to foster a sense of pride, belonging and ownership as we move forward together into this exciting new chapter as Bay Tree School.

**Kelly Moss**

Interim Head of School





### ☀️ This Week at Vermont

**Hedgehogs:** Hedgehogs have been really impressive with their learning about capital letters this week and enjoyed making different letters out of playdough to practice what they look like. Hedgehogs are firmly in their puzzle era and are absolutely loving completing different puzzles; developing their communication, problem solving and reasoning skills.



**Rabbits:** Rabbits have been working hard to learn our number bonds to 5, developing their confidence in recognising and making different number combinations. We have also been practising identifying capital letters in our names and remembering to use capital letters at the beginning of sentences. Keep up the great work Rabbits.

**Badgers:** This week in Badgers Class, the children have been learning how to solve word problems involving addition and subtraction. We are incredibly proud of their resilience, perseverance and enthusiasm as they embrace new challenges and develop their mathematical skills. In Science, we explored the classification work of Carl Linnaeus and learned how his system helped establish the scientific naming and classification of animals used around the world today.

**Foxes:** This week in class, we have been developing our subtraction skills and improving our ability to edit and refine our writing. The children have worked hard to check their work carefully and make improvements to ensure their writing is clear and effective. We have also enjoyed our daily Drop Everything and Read sessions each morning, where children can either immerse themselves in a book independently or listen to Miss Issey reading our engaging class story. A special shout-out goes to Aston for helping to keep our school environment

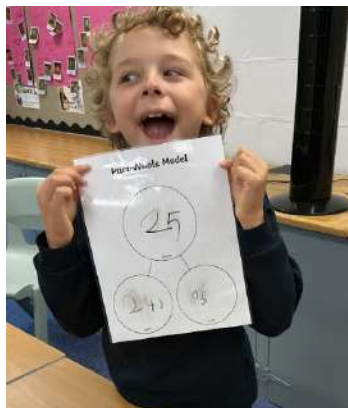


safe and tidy by collecting conker shells at lunchtime. Well done, Aston, for showing such thoughtfulness and responsibility!



**Squirrels:** This week, the children have been developing their writing skills by drafting their own pieces of writing, focusing on organising their ideas and bringing their creativity to life. They then carefully edited their work to improve their spelling, punctuation and grammar before publishing their final pieces with pride!

**Owls** have spent this week learning flexible partitioning and learning how to use part whole models. They have taken to it very quickly and we are very proud of our clever mathematicians.





**Deers:** This week in Deers, we have been working hard on our handwriting and improving our letter formation. In Forest School, we have worked well together to complete a range of team-building activities. In Maths, we have completed our unit on place value, and everyone has done really well. We are very proud of the effort and progress shown by the class!



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### Celebrating Our Pupils

**Headteacher Award: Jonathan-** Consistently showing kindness to others, following instructions and settling in so well as a valued member of the Vermont community.

Fantastic Friendship Award: Hugo, Louis, Eddie H and Alfie

English star of the week: Alana, Sienna, Liam, Ollie

Maths star of the week: Oliver P, Lennix, Vega, Jaxson

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### **Whole-school attendance this week: 89%**

Congratulations to **Owls** for achieving **97%** attendance this week, and winning a cake.



Every school day is an important opportunity to learn.

## Important Notices

We would like to make you aware that we have recently had some **reported cases of head lice** within our school.

For further information, including how to identify and treat head lice, please visit the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

# HEAD LICE?

## HOW TO TREAT THEM

Head lice are very common, especially in school-aged children. They are not caused by poor hygiene and anyone can get them.

**Only treat when live lice are found.**

- 1 Wash hair**  
  
 Use a normal shampoo to wash the hair. Rinse well.
- 2 Apply conditioner**  
  
 Apply plenty of conditioner to all the hair (do not rinse it out).
- 3 Comb carefully**  
  
 Using a fine-toothed detection comb, comb all the hair from the roots to the ends.
- 4 Comb again**  
  
 Wipe the comb on a tissue and check for lice. Comb through the hair again to make sure you have removed as many as possible.
- 5 Repeat on set days**  
  
 Repeat the whole process on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any lice that may have hatched.
- 6 Check on day 17**  
  
 Check the hair again on day 17 to make sure all the lice have gone.
- 7 Check household contacts**  
  
 Check everyone in the household and treat anyone who has live lice on the same day.



**If wet combing is not suitable or does not work**

Ask a pharmacist about a medicated lotion or spray. Follow the instructions in the product pack carefully.



**Children do not need to stay off school**

Head lice can be treated without staying at home.

**✗ Important to know**

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- Head lice are not caused by poor hygiene.
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This page has more details about spotting, treating and preventing head lice.



# LUNCHTIME REMINDER

FOR PARENTS

Children **cannot** bring in any food for lunch that requires heating up at school.



Pot noodles (or similar)



Pasta dishes that need heating



Rice meals, soups or other items that need heating

We do not have the facilities to heat up food brought in from home, and for health and safety reasons we are unable to do so. Please provide a cold lunch that is ready to eat, such as sandwiches, wraps, salads, fruits, yoghurt or other similar items.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



♥ Thank You

Thank you to all our pupils, parents, carers, staff and wider school community for your continued support.

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

 [Dates for Your Diary](#)

| Date                                              | Event                                                                                                                          |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Autumn 1</b><br>Tuesday<br>Wednesday<br>Friday | <b><u>Provision (weekly)</u></b><br><b>Foxes</b> attend QE2<br><b>Badgers</b> attend Swimming<br><b>Deers</b> attend Swimming  |
| <b>23rd October 2026</b>                          | <b>Last Day of Half Term</b>                                                                                                   |
| <b>2nd November 2026</b>                          | <b>First Day Back</b>                                                                                                          |
| <b>16th November 2026</b>                         | <b>Attendance inflatables</b>                                                                                                  |
| <b>Autumn 2</b><br>Tuesday<br>Wednesday<br>Friday | <b><u>Provision (weekly)</u></b><br><b>Squirrels</b> attend QE2<br><b>Owls</b> attend Swimming<br><b>Foxes</b> attend Swimming |
| <b>10th December 2026</b>                         | <b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>14th December 2026</b>                         | <b>Christmas Dinner Day</b>                                                                                                    |
| <b>18th December 2026</b>                         | <b>Last Day of Half Term- Christmas Fair</b>                                                                                   |
| <b>4th January 2027</b>                           | <b>First Day Back</b>                                                                                                          |



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| <b>Spring 1</b><br>Wednesday<br>Wednesday<br>Tuesday<br>Friday | <b><u>Provision (weekly)</u></b><br><b>Rabbits</b> attend City Farm<br><b>Squirrels</b> attend Swimming<br><b>Badgers</b> attend QE2<br><b>Hedgehogs</b> attend Swimming |
| <b>29th January 2027</b>                                       | <b>Inset Day- School closed to pupils</b>                                                                                                                                |
| <b>12th February 2027</b>                                      | <b>Last Day of Half Term</b>                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>22nd February 2027</b>                                      | <b>First Day Back</b>                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Spring 2</b><br>Wednesday<br>Wednesday<br>Tuesday<br>Friday | <b><u>Provision (weekly)</u></b><br><b>Rabbits</b> attend City Farm<br><b>Squirrels</b> attend Swimming<br><b>Badgers</b> attend QE2<br><b>Hedgehogs</b> attend Swimming |
| <b>25th March 2027</b>                                         | <b>Last Day of Half Term</b>                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>12th April 2027</b>                                         | <b>Structured Conversations</b>                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>13th April 2027</b>                                         | <b>First Day Back</b>                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>26th April 2027</b>                                         | <b>Attendance inflatables</b>                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>3rd May 2027</b>                                            | <b>Bank Holiday- School Closed</b>                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>28th May 2027</b>                                           | <b>Last Day of Half Term</b>                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>7th June 2027</b>                                           | <b>First Day Back</b>                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>21st June 2027</b>                                          | <b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly- 2:30pm</b>                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>25th June 2027</b>                                          | <b>Inset Day- School closed to pupils</b>                                                                                                                                |
| <b>16th July 2027</b>                                          | <b>Last day of Summer term- Summer Fair</b>                                                                                                                              |



19th, 20th, 21st July 2027

Inset Day- School closed to pupils