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Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

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Welcome back, families! Whether you are returning to us or joining our primary school community for the very first time, we are so excited to open our doors and start a brand-new academic year together.

Our classrooms are prepped, the hallways are buzzing, and our team has been working hard to ensure this year is full of inspiring learning, new friendships, and plenty of memorable moments

Class 4 win 'The Golden Table'

Class 4 have managed to win the first Golden Table of this academic year! To win Golden Tokens, children have to show respect, kindness to others and 'be the best they can be' around school.

At the Golden Table, children get the opportunity to have fancy biscuits, sit with their teachers and enjoy lunch together, and dinner staff kindly serve juice and additional items and celebrate their achievements with complementary table service.

Well done Class 4!



Toothbrushing in Chestnuts

In Chestnuts we brush our teeth every day! We have been learning how important it is to look after our teeth and keep them clean and healthy. Each day, we practise brushing carefully, making sure we reach all around our teeth and gums. We are learning to brush gently and take our time, making sure that no tooth gets missed! We are becoming super tooth-brushing experts and love practising our new skills. We know that brushing our teeth every day helps to keep our smiles bright, our teeth healthy and our mouths feeling fresh!



Starting School with Smiles

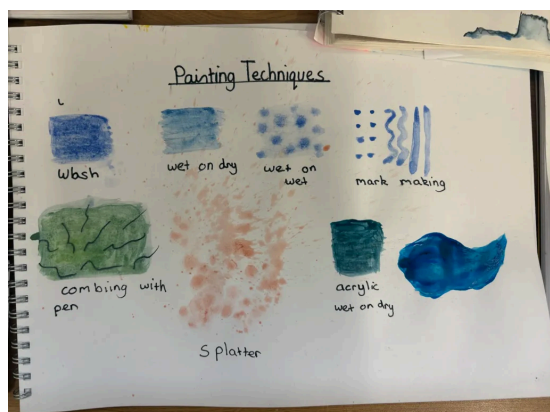
What a lovely week we have had in Little Acorns. The children have settled straight into school. We have had lots of smiles, stories, singing, outdoor play and plenty of time to explore all of our new surroundings. We are so proud of how the little ones have been on their first days in school. We are looking forward to lots more fun, learning and adventures together as we begin this exciting adventure!



Year 6 unleash their inner artists!

We have explored acrylics and watercolours this week! We have practiced some new techniques - from soft wet-on-wet blends and crisp wet-on-dry details, to wild splatter painting and creative mark making.

Everyone did an incredible job! All these fantastic skills are preparing us to paint our final seascape masterpiece in the coming weeks. Watch this space!



Studying artist impressions: Peter Thorpe

Year 5 pupils have been exploring how art can communicate complex thoughts, feelings, and emotions through an engaging study of the artist Peter Thorpe. Known for blending vibrant, abstract background textures with geometric space imagery, Thorpe's dynamic approach has allowed children to experiment with colour choices, brushwork and visual contrast as tools for expression that convey emotions just as powerful as words.



Science Tip

You don't need a lab coat to foster a young scientist! When walking to school or spending time outdoors, swap 'What is that?' for 'What do you notice?' or 'Why do you think that happens?'. Encouraging children to observe changes in weather, leaf patterns or bird behaviours builds critical thinking and natural curiosity!

The Mindful Minute

A simple way to help children recognise and express their feelings during the busy transition back to school: 1) Sit comfortably together and ask your child 'What is your inner weather like right now?' 2) Let them choose a weather type - are they feeling sunny (happy), stormy (frustrated), cloudy (confused) or calm like a clear sky? 3) Remind them that just like real weather, emotions always change and pass, and all types of weather are completely ok to feel.

Quick activity to share with your children!

Spend 5 minutes tonight creating a quick memory moment together!

- 1) Grab a small piece of paper and write down your Child's favourite song, favourite food and what they are most excited about this school year.
- 2) Have them draw a mini self portrait or trace their Hand outline on the back.
- 3) Tuck it away in an envelope to open together on The very last day of this school year and see how much They have grown!



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NOTICES/UPDATES:

After school Clubs - Begin Tuesday 16th September 3-4pm for 5 weeks. Book on Arbor now.

Thursday 17th September - Class 7 visit to Crucial Crew. Please sign your child up on Arbor if you haven't already.

Monday 21st - Friday 25th September - Class 7 Residential to Northumberland

Magic Booking - All children must be pre-booked onto Breakfast and Wrap - Around Clubs. We cannot accept children not pre-booked due to safeguarding & emergency contact reasons.

Free School Meals - We encourage all our families to apply for FSM from the benefits office at Rotherham Council

Final Thoughts

The start of a new school year is always filled with a mixture of excitement, quiet nerves, and fresh energy. Please remember that we are on this journey together - our partnership with you as parents and carers is what makes our school community so special.

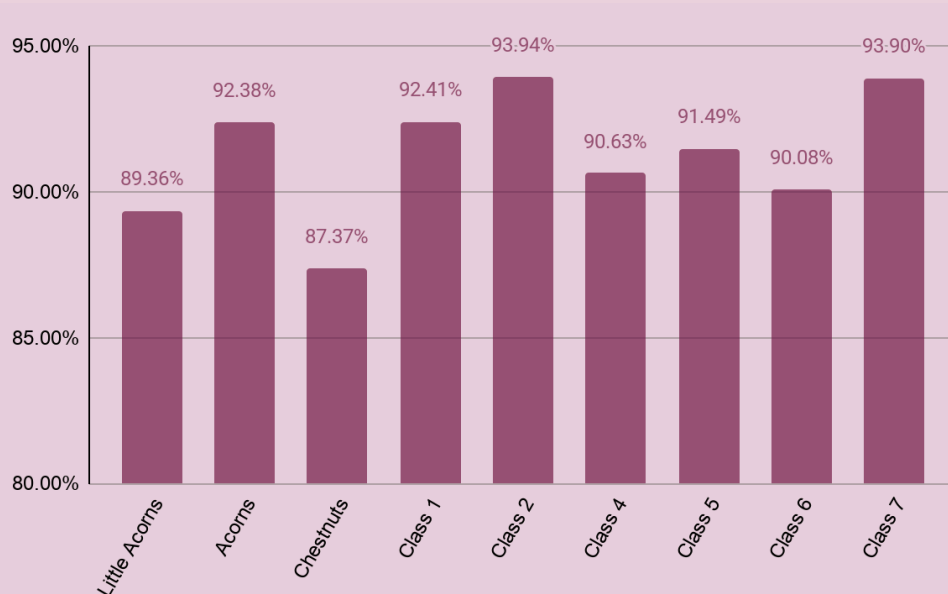
Thank you for your continued trust, support, and warm welcomes at the gate this week.

Let's make this academic year our best one yet!

"Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn."

Benjamin Franklin

Your Class Attendance



Our Target is **96%**. Remember everyday matters at school.

We always call if we have no reason why children are not in school. Please inform the office if your child is not able to attend.

Please be aware that we cannot release children early from school without seeing an appointment letter or card.