



MARTINS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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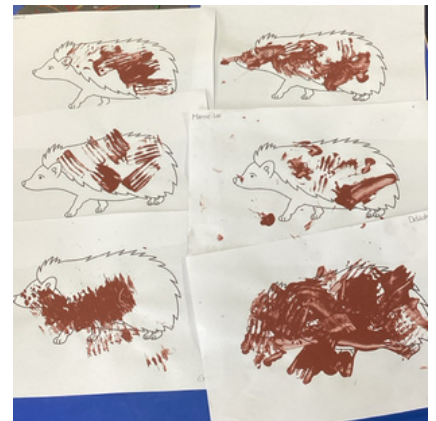


SAPPLINGS

Exploring Autumn, the children have been dancing to some Halloween "Danny Go" music for our movement sessions. They have held a pumpkin, speaking about it being heavy and hard, this linked to a story featuring Peppa Pig, she was at a Halloween party. Many of our children went on to speak about costumes "Albert I'm going to be a zombie" and Wilfred "I'm going to be a dinosaur". All have spent time exploring our interest table, looking at conkers, pine cones and a range of leaves.

As we start to look at the topic/theme of Autumn, we have been learning about several changes. One of these has been looking at trees and discussing the colour changes and observing them fall to the ground. We have spoken about Hedgehogs and always checking the leaves as they like to make these their homes.

We have been developing our fine and gross motor skills by producing our own hedgehogs. We kneaded the dough, added eyes and sticks. They continued this by using forks to paint prickles on their hedgehogs, before finally using autumnal colours to produce leaves for a display.



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YEAR 5

Year 5 have been investigating forces this term. This week, we looked at air resistance by making parachutes of different sizes and dropping them to see how size affected the time it took for them to hit the floor.

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This term, Year 5 have looked at Nature's Art, exploring how nature can be used to make temporary pieces of art. We have used autumnal nature like pinecones, leaves and acorns to make low-relief sculptures.



YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning about human diets in Science; they have explored the different food groups and what makes a balanced diet. They investigated the fat content in a range of foods. First, by predicting which foods would be the fattiest, then by carefully crushing or mashing the food, and putting a layer of it onto sugar paper. They discussed how foods that contained the most fat would leave behind a mark, which the paper would absorb, and would then be translucent when held up to the light.





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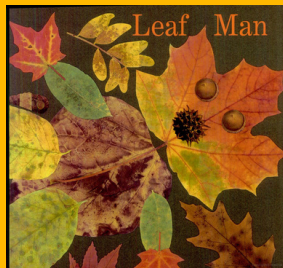


STAFF WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Yesterday, the Staff Wellbeing Committee held its very first event a 'Bring a Plate' Lunch! Staff were invited to bring along a plate of food inspired by the Halloween theme, and the creativity did not disappoint! It was a lovely opportunity for colleagues to take a break, share some laughter, and enjoy each other's company. A huge thank you to everyone who joined in and made our first wellbeing event such a success!

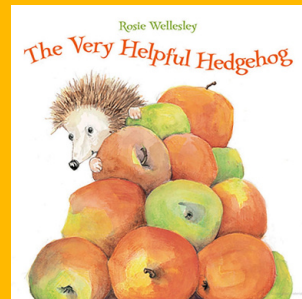


RECOMMENDED READS



Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert

Beautiful collage illustrations made from real leaves; encourages creativity and outdoor exploration.



The Very Helpful Hedgehog by Rosie Wellesley

A gentle story about friendship and kindness, featuring an adorable autumn hedgehog.



The Little Red Hen by Mary Mapes Dodge

Ideal for linking with harvest celebrations and teaching about effort and teamwork.

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STEVENAGE CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

SATURDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2025, 12pm - 5:30pm

Your Skills. Your Future

Discover the wonders of STEM in Stevenage!

Come along to our FREE science, tech, engineering & maths (STEM) festival a hands-on, inspiring event for all ages!

Explore Your Future:

Find out about amazing STEM careers—from first steps to advanced roles—and discover the study pathways that could get you there

Meet the Experts:

Chat with real-life scientists, engineers and tech professionals from local companies

Get Stuck In:

Have fun trying out interactive activities and make your own slime

Inspire Your Mind:

Perfect for curious kids, teens and adults

Meet Dr Christopher Nicholas, from University of Hertfordshire, & learn how his work with the council is opening doors for local residents.

When: 2-4pm Thursday 30 October 2025

Where: Foyer at Stevenage Leisure Centre

NO NEED
TO BOOK—
just drop in,
have fun
and leave
inspired!

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Stevenage
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COME AND ENJOY OUR FREE HALLOWEEN EVENT

SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER
IN EVENT ISLAND,
STEVENAGE TOWN CENTRE
12 NOON - 7PM.

- Scary face painting
- Dance machine
- Toxic waste obstacle course
- Feed the giant ghost
- Giant operation
- Scary circus skills workshops
- Craft fair stalls holders
- Music
- Plus lots more!

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

24th October - Halloween Disco (KS1 4-5pm / KS2 5:15-6:30pm)

27th - 31st October - Half Term

3rd November - Return to School - 8-50am

28th November - Occasional Day School Closed

3rd December - FOMW Wreath Making 6:30pm

10th December - KS1+KS2 Christmas Performance

11th December - Y6 Pantomime

12th December - Christmas Jumper Day

17th December - Christmas Lunch

19th December - End of Term - 2pm

Whole school attendance is currently 91.2%

Remember to achieve 100% attendance your child needs to be in school, every day and on time.

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