



Monday 10th November 2025

Dear Families

Welcome to another half term and another newsletter. We loved welcoming children back to school last week and have been so impressed with the attitudes and behaviours we have seen. Our assemblies will be focusing on developing this further and we are excited to see where our new 'Pupil Principles' (see below) will take children over the half term ahead. November also sees our subject spotlight turn to Art and Design, you can find out about some of the things planned for children in school in the box below. I wanted to say a big thank you this month for your engagement in parents evening last week – attendance by families was great and your support and time is appreciated by teachers. Please read on for some key information for the half term ahead and as always, do not hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions. Miss B ☺



Dates for the Diary

Remember, we have a parent planner on the website that we will keep updated of important dates for families to know.

[Parent Planner | Birdsedge First School](https://birdsedgefirst.org/parents/parent-planner)

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Tuesday 11th November:

Community Remembrance starting in the hall at 10:30am

Friday 14th November: Doors open at 2:45pm to visit Art Galleries

Friday 14th and 28th November:

PINS Parent Workshops 9am

Monday 17th November: Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 5th December: School Closed INSET Day

HD8 Network

Just a reminder of the HD8 Network

www.hd8network.co.uk

Communication

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Subject Spotlight – Art and Design

As part of our Subject Spotlight for Art and Design this month we will be holding Arts Week in School next week: The theme is - Unity and Healing "Healing begins when we come together." It celebrates the power of creativity to bring children together and nurture emotional well-being. Nature has long been a source of inspiration and renewal for artists and Art can become a bridge that connects individuals, promotes understanding, and heals both the mind and the environment. Next week we will have a range of enrichments going on for children. "Forest Friday" will celebrate the theme through Natural Art and in Class children will be:

- Creating sculptures from recycled materials
- Practicing upcycling – turning waste into beautiful art
- Exploring the work of Andy Goldsworthy in Forest Friday, who uses leaves, stones, and twigs to make temporary artworks that blend into their surroundings.

We also know that Art can support calming the mind, focus attention, and express emotions that words cannot. Activities like:

- Mindful drawing or painting
- Yoga and interpretive dance (replacing a PE session for the week) will help students express feelings through movement and creativity. Exploring Art as a form of meditation — a quiet space for reflection and growth.

On Friday we will open our doors before assembly slightly early at 2:45pm where families are invited to come and see some of children's work from the week in Classrooms and the outdoors.

Key Learning Reminders

Thank you for your ongoing support with learning habits we are working hard to grow for core learning.

Reading: Remember regular reading is key for all children for fluency – the weekly Friday raffle is open to all children, with tickets being rewarded for all reading sessions through the week.

Maths: Please use TT RockStars/Numbots for regular fluency practice – certificates will be given weekly in Fridays assembly.