

# Autumn Term

## Orwell Class Welcome

Welcome to Orwell class. This term has been wonderful. The children have settled confidently into their new environment and formed strong friendships.

They have worked exceptionally hard and shown impressive progress throughout the past few weeks. We are extremely proud of everything they have achieved; this term has truly flown.



## Communication and interaction

Our focus for Communication and Language this half-term has centred on the overarching theme of *My Feelings*. We read many books about emotions and wrote about how different situations make us feel. We also explored diary entries, their key features, and how we might structure them.

In SPAG, our focus has been on making our sentences more complex, whether through speaking or writing. We have also revisited capital letters, full stops, and finger spaces, and discussed when each should be used.



## Cognition and Learning

Our focuses for Cognition and Learning have included internet safety, the human body, number, shape, and statistics. In maths, we have been learning about numbers 1–100, place value, 2D and 3D shapes, and interpreting as well as creating tally charts. In Science, we have looked at the parts of the body, our organs, and our senses.



## Independence, social and emotional development

This term in Food Technology, we have been exploring new foods and discussing our individual likes and dislikes. Back in September, the children each selected a meal they either enjoyed or had never tried before, and we prepared these dishes weekly. Afterwards, we talked about the components they liked or disliked, as well as whether they enjoyed the dish as a whole. We have also taken walks within the community and practised safe road-crossing skills. In addition, we have played a range of games together in class to strengthen friendships and foster a positive class community spirit.



## Physical and Sensory

In PE this term, we have been developing both ball skills and basic gymnastics skills. We have practised dribbling and passing, and the children have taken part in several three- or four-a-side games. In gymnastics, we have focused on the body shapes required for different types of rolls, and we have also practised safely jumping from a height and landing on two feet.



## Special news and upcoming events

### End of Term – Friday 19th December

- Transport departs: 1.20pm
- Walkers depart: 1.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you all back on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026, for lots of fun learning!

## Spring Term Events 2026

### Staff Training

TT Monday 5th January (pupils at home)

### Parental Coffee Morning

TT Thursday 8th January, 9.30am

### Virtual Tea & Chat with SLT

TT Thursday 15th January, 6pm

### Safer Internet Day

TT Wednesday 11th February

### NSPCC Number Day

TT Friday 10th February

### Family Performance – Harlow Brass Band

TT Thursday 16th February

### World Book Day

TT Thursday 8th March

### Parental Coffee Morning

TT Monday 2nd March, 9.30am

### Come and Learn With Me Day

TT Friday 9th March

### Young Carers Action Day

TT Monday 12th March

### Neurodiversity Celebration Week

TT Monday 17th – Sunday 23rd March

### Spring Merit Assemblies & Meetings

- PMLD Merit Assembly: Monday 20th March, 2pm
- Sixth Form Merit Assembly: Tuesday 21st March, 2pm
- Upper School Merit Assembly: Wednesday 22nd March, 2pm
- Lower School Merit Assembly/Classroom Activities: Thursday 23rd March, 2pm

### Parent Meetings

TT Week commencing 6th March

### Family Performance – Harlow Brass Band

TT Friday 27th March

Class newsletters will also be shared this term.