

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Families,

It is with deep sadness that I share the passing of one of our beloved Little Gems children, Oliver "Oli" France. We received this news from his family on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Oli touched the hearts of everyone he met with his calm character and loving nature, qualities that shone through to all who spent time with him.

Oli loved singing, especially when he recognised familiar voices around him. He enjoyed exploring different sensory experiences, from the gloopy texture of cornflour to the soft feel of peaches, and he especially loved getting his feet messy.

Oli adored cuddles and cherished quiet moments, snuggling in to listen to his favorite adults reading stories or chatting softly with him. His happiness and calmness were evident in his gentle vocalisations.

Oli also loved bouncing on the trampoline with friends and was especially fond of sharing *The Gruffalo* story with his classmates. Swimming was another highlight for him and brought him so much joy.

We have reached out to Oli's family to offer our deepest sympathies and support during this incredibly difficult time. We know you will join us in keeping Oli's family in your thoughts.

We understand that this is a challenging time for both Oli's family and our entire school community. If you would like someone to talk to, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to offer our support and comfort

Yours sincerely,



George Turner  
Headteacher

