

ILCHESTER EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

10th October 2025



“Play is the highest form of research”.

~Albert Einstein

Tiggywinkles

This week, the Tiggywinkles have enjoyed exploring construction activities as part of their ongoing learning about our community.

The children have been busy sorting autumn leaves and creating beautiful patterns in Maths, whilst in Literacy, they have been talking about themselves and sharing stories. They have built mini villages and farms and had fun experimenting with blocks, magnets and Lego to design and build their own structures. The children have shown great teamwork and imagination as they planned what to make and talked about the different materials and shapes they used.

The children’s creative focus has been all about exploring textures and natural materials, from footprint painting to making brushes out of leaves and twigs.

The children have also been thinking about the people who help them and worked together on a special community mural to celebrate everyone’s role in the community.

Through all of this, the Tiggywinkles have been developing their confidence, communication skills, and understanding of the world around them — all whilst having lots of fun learning together.



Nutkins

This week, the Nutkins have enjoyed diving deeper into a construction theme while learning about the people and places in their community.

The children have been busy sorting autumn leaves and exploring numbers through counting and pattern activities.

In Literacy, they have shared stories like *I Am Brave*, *Koala Who Could*, and *You Choose*, sparking wonderful conversations about choices, feelings, and confidence. In our small world and construction areas, the children have built farms, villages, and roads using Duplo, wooden blocks, and magnets, working together to plan and problem-solve. Their creative focus has continued to celebrate community, from designing helper hats to using natural paintbrushes and footprints to make art inspired by the world around us.

It has been a thoughtful and creative week as the Nutkins explored, built, and expressed their ideas about where they live and the people who make it special.

Puddleducks

This week, the Puddleducks enjoyed exploring their new book *Funnybones*, learning all about our amazing bodies! The children have been busy counting and measuring bones, exploring size and shape, and creating their own skeletons using different materials.

In literacy, they loved reading *Funnybones*, *I Am Brave* and *Koala Who Could*, talking about being strong and confident just like the characters in the stories.

Through art and sensory play, the children have made bone masks, handprint paintings, and even cotton bud X-rays, showing brilliant creativity and curiosity.

The children have also been practising finding and putting on their own coats — building independence as well as confidence. It has been a lively and imaginative week full of discovery, teamwork, and lots of “spooky” fun!

School Applications

A reminder that school applications are now open for children due to start school in September 2026. Applications will close on the 15th of January. Please make sure to submit your application before the deadline.

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/>



Hello Cold Weather!

This is a friendly reminder that we are now in Autumn, meaning the colder months are quickly approaching! Please could you provide your child with suitable clothing, such as warm winter coats and wellies. We also ask that these come labelled with your child's name. It may be a good idea to bring a waterproof suit so your children can continue exploring the great outdoors without adding more laundry!



SEN Coffee Morning

On the 22nd of October, Ilchester Community Primary School will be hosting a SEN coffee morning in the Infant Department Hall.



Pre-School parents are more than welcome to join.

Halloween Disco

A reminder that the Halloween Disco is on Thursday the 16th of October.

Pre-School children are more than welcome but parents must stay and supervise them. The Disco will be held at the Junior Department and will start at 17:15 and end at 18:00. Any siblings in the Juniors will then have their turn at 18:15 until 19:00.



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We warmly welcome parents of
RECEPTION CLASS 2026
children to visit the school and meet
Mrs Katie Boon, our EYFS Lead
on Tuesday, 14th October and
Tuesday, 11th November 2025

Sessions will be held in the mornings;
each lasting 30 minutes from 9.30am



Please contact the School Office to book your visit

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