

ILCHESTER EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

17th October 2025



“Play gives children the chance to practise what they are learning”.

~Fred Rogers

Tiggywinkles



This week, the Tiggywinkles have been diving into all things autumn! The children have been exploring the season through conkers, leaves and pumpkins; using their hands and imaginations to roll, balance, build, and create. They have enjoyed constructing animal dens, designing leaf lanterns, and making patterns with natural materials found outdoors.

The children have also been tuning into sounds through engaging games that build awareness of the different noises and letters they hear. Alongside this, nursery rhymes, songs, and parachute games have filled the week with laughter, movement, and teamwork. It's been a wonderful week of creativity, learning, and autumn discovery for the Tiggywinkles!

Nutkins

This week, the Nutkins have been celebrating the wonders of autumn through lots of hands-on, playful learning. The children have been busy exploring textures and colours as they created patterns, balanced apples, and used natural materials to make beautiful autumn art. They have enjoyed building animal dens, experimenting with conkers, and using leaves in their creative work.

The children have also been tuning their ears with fun sound games, helping them to listen carefully and recognise different sounds around them. With plenty of singing, laughter, and outdoor fun, the Nutkins have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored and discovered all that autumn has to offer.

Puddleducks

This week, the Puddleducks have been getting into the magical spirit of the season with lots of exciting, witchy activities! The children have been mixing potions, building broomsticks, and creating spooky patterns as they explored numbers, sizes, and shapes in playful ways. They have enjoyed stories and songs that sparked their imaginations, and loved working together to build castles, knock down ghosts, and stir up colourful gloop in the messy play area.

The children have also been having fun joining in with rhymes and playful sound games, listening carefully and copying the noises they hear. With so much creativity, laughter, and a sprinkle of Halloween magic, it has been a truly spellbinding week for the Puddleducks!

School Applications

A reminder that school applications are now open for children due to start school in September 2026. Applications opened on the 29th of September and 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.



Data Collection Forms

Please ensure you complete and return the data collection forms sent home this week at your earliest convenience. There are two ways to do this – by completing the printed copy or the digital version sent via ParentMail. We appreciate your prompt response and support in keeping our records up to date.



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