Peartree Way Nursery School

*'Friendship, fun and learning for life'*

# Newsletter- October 2026

## Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather becomes more autumnal and the temperatures drop please remember to send your child in with their coat. We have been encouraging independence with putting coats on and the children have been learning the 'coat flip'. It has been wonderful to see the children developing independence with this and how proud they feel when they succeed. Across the school the children have been enjoying the seasonal change by observing and exploring natural autumn resources. We have been counting and measuring with conkers, painting with leaves and enjoying watching the leaves change colour and fall from the trees. In addition, there has been some 'spooky' Halloween themed counting and dough activities, soon to be joined by 'firework' linked activities.



## Curriculum and Learning

The Adventurers and Voyagers children have been exploring and sharing their core books of 'Wow! said the owl' and 'Owl babies'. To compliment this learning we had some owl visitors. The children in these classes were able to meet an owl and find out information and learn some 'owl' facts. The Explorers had lots of fun with pumpkins and spent time exploring this seasonal vegetable. Their curiosity was evident as the explored the shell, seeds and flesh of the pumpkin and transported them across the classroom to use in their inside and outside leaning.



## Celebrations

We enjoy celebrating at Peartree Way! Be it birthdays, individual achievements or cultural events, we celebrate collectively to develop self-esteem, awareness, appreciation and empathy. We would love to hear about the things that you are celebrating at home– please do upload photos and type information about the photos to your child's Class Dojo portfolio page so that we can celebrate with your child. Whilst we do not give out birthday sweets or food treats at school, we do celebrate birthdays in our groups; making a fuss of your child on their special day.

## Things to remember



Please remember that mobile phones should not be used on the school site. This is to keep all our children safe and also ensure that they have your full attention on collection and drop-off.

Please remember to name your child's clothing including shoes and coats. The children are all keen to independently change into their wellies and it really helps to reunite shoes with their rightful owners!

## Keeping safe

Thank you all for being considerate when parking on Peartree Way. We have had visits from the parking enforcement team to observe the traffic at drop off and collection times throughout the day, with a view to making the road safer for families and residents. is important to draw your attention to the sign outside the school which indicates that is an offence to park with vehicle wheels on the pavement.



Please also be vigilant at busy times on the road and keep your child close to you by holding their hand or expecting them to hold onto the pram or buggy. For those children travelling on scooters or balance bikes, please remind them of safe practices and behaviours. It is never to early to instil good road safety awareness and this will be something that will last your child many years and into adulthood!

## Calendar/Coming up

- **Apply for a Reception Place – 2nd November – 15th January**
- Friday 27th - School is **closed** to pupils for staff INSET
- Monday 30th November - School is **closed** to pupils for our annual occasional day.
- 9th - 13th November - World Nursery Rhyme Week
- Friday 13th November - Children in Need
- Monday 9th November - Open Evening for children joining us in September 2027
- Monday 16th November - Open Evening for children joining our Preschool Explorers & Voyagers in January
- Friday 4th December – Elf day – annual fundraiser, more information to follow
- Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper/wear something festive day.
- 14th-18th December – Stay and Play sessions, more information to follow
- 18th December – last day of term – Christmas Party Day & Santa Visit during your child's usual session. Children only, more information to follow

## Staff Spotlight

### Sarah Plumb- Deputy headteacher, Adventurers lead.



Hello, I'm Sarah! I joined the Peartree Way team last September as Deputy Head and you'll usually find me spending my time with the children in Adventurers.

I've worked in education, mainly within Early Years, for the past 17 years. I love being part of children's learning journeys and am passionate about creating exciting experiences that spark curiosity and instil a lifelong love of learning.

When I'm not at work, you'll usually find me keeping active with running or CrossFit, or enjoying time with my own family.

## Governors

As the Chair of Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning families. The start of a new academic year is always a time filled with excitement, new beginnings, and opportunities for our children to grow, learn, and achieve their best.

Our role as the Governing Body is to ensure that the school provides the best possible education for your children, whilst also maintaining a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment. We work closely with the Headteacher and the school leadership team to set the strategic direction of the school, monitor its performance, and ensure that it meets its legal and financial responsibilities. I would also like to take this moment to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. Together, we can help our children achieve their full potential.

Wishing you and your children a successful and fulfilling school year ahead.

Kathryn Evans– Chair of Governors



## Staffing Update:

Unfortunately, Su Emms our Nursery lead EYP has resigned from her position and will not be returning to Peartree Way. I would like to thank Su for all her hard work and dedication to the children during her time with us. We wish her every success for the future.

Thank you all for continued support and appreciation. The children have all settled so well and are developing lots of new skills and curiosity. We can't wait for them to continue their magical journey of learning into the next half term.

With very best wishes to you all,

**Siân Headteacher**