

# Nursery News

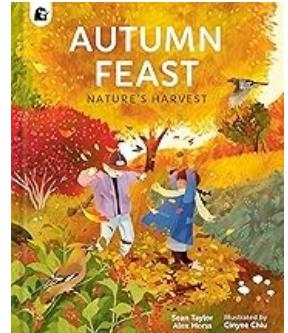
Thursday 23rd October



## Mini Me

Our little explorers have had a week filled with autumn magic through the beautiful book 'Autumn Feast: Nature's Harvest' by Sean Taylor and Alex Morss. We were thrilled to receive a special letter from our friend Marvin the Crow, who invited the children to create an Autumn Feast for his forest friends.

The children have been busy across all our play spaces. In the Playdough Kitchen, they created autumn-scented treats using herbs, spices, and autumn colours. In the Art Area, they mixed and explored autumn tones through leaf printing and stencils. In The Autumn Feast Café, they served delicious "woodland food" to one another.



Their creativity, imagination, and teamwork have truly shone this week!

## Marvellous Maths- Building Forest Castles

In maths, the children have been builders and thinkers, collecting and constructing forest castles using wooden blocks. They have been exploring shape and space, using words such as curved, flat, on top of, and under to describe their creations.

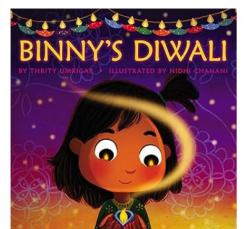


We've seen some amazing castles and wonderful use of positional language as children explain why they choose certain shapes which are the beginnings of real mathematical reasoning and problem-solving!

## Cultural Explorers- Discovering Diwali

The children have also been cultural explorers, stepping into the colourful world of Diwali, the festival of lights.

Through the book Binny's Diwali by Thrity Umrigar, they learned about the fireworks that light up the sky, the delicious sweets peda and jalebi, and the glowing clay lamps (diyas) that bring families together in celebration.



The children have made their own diyas in the craft area using collage as they learned about this special celebration of light and togetherness.

## A Message from the Nursery Team

What a wonderful first half term it has been at Hagley Nursery! We are so proud of how the children have embraced their new routines, built friendships, and filled our days with curiosity, laughter, and kindness in their play.

Thank you for all your commitment and support in helping the children settle so beautifully.



## Dates to Remember

**School Closed for TED Day:**

Friday 25th October 2025

**Autumn mid term break:**

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

**Tour dates for Reception children 2026 – 2027:**

Friday 7th November at 9.30am

Tuesday 25th November at 9.30am

# Optional Reading Ambassadors

## Challenge

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Challenges Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Hagley Reading Ambassadors Half Term Challenge!

Your Reading Ambassadors are challenging you to keep reading over the holidays!

Get your grown-ups to sign off the challenges as you complete them – can you complete **4 in a row** to earn a **bookmark**? If you go for a **full house**, you'll get an **extra prize**! Return your sheet to your class teacher by 5.11.25.

The class with the most completed challenges will win **5 brand-new books** for their book corner! So grab a book, get comfy, and let's keep Hagley reading! 

Visit the library.  Signed: _____	Read 2 books by the same author.  Signed: _____	Draw your favourite book character.  Signed: _____	Read in your garden.  Signed: _____
Read on a rainy day.  Signed: _____	Read 3 times in one day.  Signed: _____	Make a bookmark.  Signed: _____	Read or sing along to a nursery rhyme  Signed: _____
Read a book you haven't read before.  Signed: _____	Build a cosy reading den and enjoy a story inside.  Signed: _____	Read every day of the holidays.  Signed: _____	Read a story while having <u>a</u> <u>hot</u> chocolate.  Signed: _____
Read a book about an animal.  Signed: _____	Draw a picture of your favourite book cover.  Signed: _____	Read with someone new.  Signed: _____	Tell your own story using the pictures in a book.  Signed: _____

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