



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've successfully navigated a full 7-week term, and now, we all look forward to two weeks to rejuvenate. This season is the highlight of my year: the dazzle of Strictly, the adventures of Dr. Who, the warmth of Children in Need, the excitement of Bonfire Night, and before we know it, the joy of Christmas will be upon us!

Preschool Press

It has been a 'spooktacular' week at Preschool with the children participating in a variety of halloween themed activities. They have been printing ghostly figures using white paint and plimsolls, practising their scissors skills whilst cutting out spiders, and working the muscles in their hands as they scooped out the seeds from the pumpkins and investigated the texture and smell. They have used apples dipped in paint to print their own pumpkin pictures and practised their pencil control as they followed the witch as she 'flew through the wind'. Everyone has enjoyed the tuff tray activities this week; making mud pies from shaving foam and brown paint and rolling conkers to see how colours change when they mix together. This provided lots of opportunities for mark making and practising our letter sound 'a'.

The highlight of the week was our Share a story afternoon. It was lovely to welcome so many of our parents into Preschool and we hope they enjoyed listening to 'Room on the Broom' and joining in with our singing.

PTA Halloween Disco

We're really looking forward to tonight's PTA Halloween Disco in Sunnylands Hall. What a fun way to finish the term. Thank you to all the teachers and volunteers who I'm sure will be boogying to the Macarena and Monster Mash.

Conker Championship

This afternoon was the eagerly anticipated 2023 Conker Championships for children from Reception to Year 6. The final winners were Toby from Barnwell in Upper School and Valentino from Stanwick in Lower School. It was a fantastic opportunity for all the children to learn a traditional game and support each other. The final was a real spectacle!

Community Carving

Year 5 had a lovely trip to Elm Bank where they carved pumpkins for the residents to celebrate Halloween. At the same time, the residents told them about World War II, a topic that they're currently studying. We really value events like this in the community; we've also welcomed amazing dentists and the PCSO this week and played at the local Rugby Club (winning every game!) #community

Farewell PC Cox

Today marks the end of an era at school, but also the beginning of a new chapter as Mr Cox (junior) transitions to the Northamptonshire Police Force. His dedication and commitment to sport have always stood out, and while we are sad to see him go, we are incredibly proud about the difference he will make in his new role. As one door closes, another opens, and we believe that his journey ahead will be filled with accomplishments and significant moments.

We'd like to extend our deepest thoughts and prayers to a cherished member of our community who is so close to our hearts. In times of joy and in times of challenge, we remain united, sending strength, love, and light their way.

Have a restful two weeks. Wishing you all a healthy and safe time with your family. Don't forget the community choir starts on the 10th November at 8.10am.

Regards,
Mr Thomas
Headteacher