



News from Great Alne Primary School



Responsible, Respectful, Ready

“From tiny acorns, mighty oaks do grow...”



Dear Families,

It has certainly been another busy and rewarding week here at Great Alne Primary, and I am delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

In our assemblies, the children have continued to explore our theme of *courage*. This week, we enjoyed reflecting on the stories of **The Rainbow Fish** and **After the Fall**, a thoughtful retelling of events that shows how Humpty Dumpty demonstrated courage by continuing with his life after falling from the wall. These stories led to some thoughtful and reflective discussions, with the children sharing their ideas about bravery, resilience and perseverance.

This week's newsletter also focuses on learning in **Acorns Class**, where the children have based their learning around the traditional tale **Jack and the Beanstalk**. It has been wonderful to see some fantastic writing during Drawing Club, delicious bean soup created in DT, and the creating of sparkly magic beans! The Acorns classroom is currently a real buzz of excitement, especially with the addition of a brand-new **Toy shop**, which has inspired lots of imaginative play and learning.

Being fit and active is a very important part of our curriculum here at Great Alne Primary, and I had the pleasure of watching **Oaks Class** swimming this week. It was wonderful to see their enjoyment and pride as they confidently demonstrated fantastic skills in the water.

From **next Wednesday, 21st January, Acorns Class** will also be joining Oaks for a weekly swimming lesson. Please ensure your child brings a **swimming costume or suit, a towel, and goggles (if they wish)** to school every Wednesday moving forwards. It will be a lovely opportunity for the whole school to enjoy a weekly adventure together.

Looking ahead to next week, we are very much looking forward to our **Celebration Assembly on Wednesday morning**, where we will welcome parents of children who are receiving awards into school. It will be lovely to see you as we celebrate the children's achievements together.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I do hope you have a lovely weekend! The sun is trying to shine!

Warm Regards,

Miss L. Williams

Head Teacher

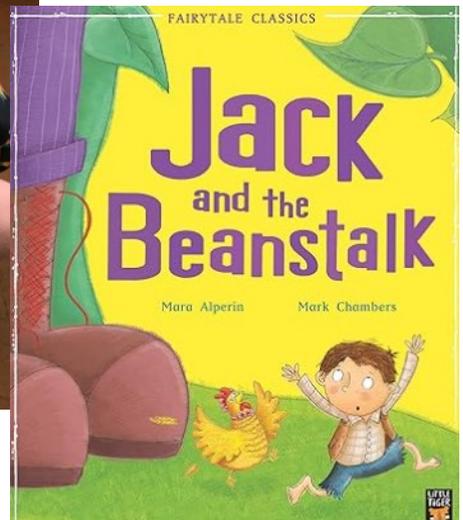


Our week's learning!

Acorns



Making Soup





Great Alne School Diary Dates – 2025-2026

Autumn term 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 **Teacher Training Day**

Wednesday 3rd September – Children return for autumn term

Half term: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring term 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Tuesday 6th January – Children return for spring term

Half term: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Ends: Thursday 26th March 2026

Friday 27th March 2026 **Teacher Training Day**

Spring (Easter) holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer term 2026

Starts: Monday 13th April 2026 – Children return for summer term

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Half term: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Ends: Monday 20th July 2026 **Teacher Training Day**