





Weekly Newsletter Friday 17th October 2025 Dear families,

Thank you so much to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week. It was a real pleasure for our teachers to share your children's learning journeys with you and celebrate their achievements together.

We'd also like to extend our thanks to those of you who have already completed the Parent School Survey. Your feedback is incredibly valuable to us as we continue to reflect and improve. If you haven't had a chance to complete it yet, there's still time — the survey will remain open until the end of the day on Friday. We really appreciate your input.

This week, the children had a wonderful time on their welly walk down to the estuary. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore the outdoors and enjoy some fresh air. Keep an eye on our Facebook page — Pete has been busy creating another brilliant video of the experience, which we'll be sharing very soon!

Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome our friends from West Alvington next Wednesday. They'll be joining us for the whole day and showcasing their creativity in a special art exhibition. We warmly invite all families to come along and enjoy the artwork and refreshments, kindly organised by our PTA.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Mrs Ruston

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 22nd October- Artist visit and art gallery

Monday 27th October- Friday 31st October- HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November- NON-PUPIL DAY

Wednesday 5th November- Forest School Monday 10th November- Odd socks day for anti-bullying week

Wednesday 19th November- Forest School Wednesday 3rd December- Forest School

Wednesday 3rd December- Christmas lunch

Wednesday 10th December- Nativity and Carol service 14:00 St Marys Church

Monday 15th December- KS2 Theatre trip

Tuesday 16th December- EYFS/ KS1 Theatre trip

Wednesday 17th December- Christmas fair 15:00 Friday 19th December – Last day of autumn term

Monday 22nd December- Friday 2nd December- CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Monday 5th January – NON-PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 6th January- First day of Spring term

NEWS !!!!!!

Christmas craft club- After half term, Mrs Bowden is going to be starting a Christmas craft club on Wednesdays 3:15-4:15. Please sign up if interested

Christmas Fair Poster Competition!

Get your pens, paints, and glitter ready—it's time for a festive challenge!

We're inviting all pupils to design a poster for our Christmas Fair, which will be held on Wednesday 17th December, starting at 3:00 PM.

→ The winning design will be chosen by members of staff and proudly displayed around the school and in the local community to spread the Christmas cheer!

Poster Guidelines:

- Must include the date and time of the fair
- Should be colourful, creative, and festive
- Can be hand-drawn or digitally designed
- **f** Entries must be submitted by **Friday 24th October** .

We can't wait to see your wonderful creations—good luck and get designing!



🎁 Operation Christmas Child – Shoebox Appeal 🎄

This year, we're excited to be taking part in **Operation Christmas Child**, a wonderful initiative that brings joy to children around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes.

Each class will be preparing one shoebox, and we've already selected the age group and gender for each box. You should have received a letter with ideas and suggestions for the types of items you can donate from toys and school supplies to hygiene products and accessories.

We kindly ask that all donations be brought in by Friday, 7th November, so we have time to pack and send the boxes off.

Thank you for your generosity and support in helping us make a difference this festive season! 💝



Start Point

We've had a fantastic week at school, filled with outdoor exploration, creativity, and some brilliant maths!

In Forest School, we got inventive by making parachutes with conkers — testing how they fly and learning about air resistance in a fun, hands-on way. The whole school enjoyed a welly walk down to the beach, where we explored nature, collected treasures, and shared smiles in the fresh autumn air.

Back at school, we have been carving pumpkins and scooping out the insides — messy, sensory fun that sparked lots of conversation and teamwork!

As mathematicians, we've been working hard on our number bonds to 10 — and we're proud to say we're now experts! The children have shown fantastic focus and progress.

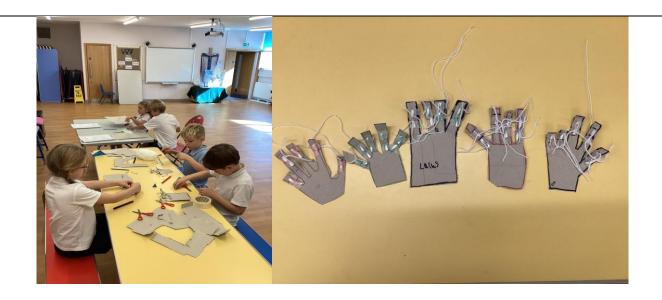


Croft

As writers this week we have started our new unit, writing about the book 'Cosmic.' We have started to get to know the characters and make predictions about where the story might go next. We are focussing on our handwriting daily, with lots of practice on letter formation, both capitals and lowercase.

In maths, we are now exploring the topic of Addition and Subtraction. It has been really useful to see what the children have remembered from previous years and where we need to focus our attention in future lessons.

As Historians, we are learning about how and why the Romans invaded Britain. We thought about the resources we had in Britain at the time and how this would appeal to other nations.



Stars of the Week

Start Point's star of the week goes to Rupert for his fantastic phonics work and brilliant attitude to learning! You have shown great focus, enthusiasm, and determination. We're so proud of their progress and positivity in every lesson. Well done!

Croft: Max for her positive attitude to all of her learning and in particular answering questions thoughtfully during History.



Values of the Week

Start Point: Ruby for showing the value of responsibility and always being ready to lend a helping hand, support their classmates, and take initiative in the classroom

Croft: Holly for showing the value of friendship by always being such a kind friend to everyone.



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Our whole school attendance is currently 96%

Start Point Class Attendance: 96.4% Croft Class Attendance: 96%

Home Learning - Start Point

-Spellings

-Reading- please ensure adults sign the reading diary



<u> Home Learning - Croft</u>

- Complete the homework sheet.
 - TTRS / Numbots
- Please ensure you are reading regularly and recording this in your reading diary.

