

Thursday News - 22.10.2026

The weather has certainly turned autumnal this week. We've had an action packed half term and we have been so proud of all of the amazing work that has been going on around the school.

A few of my highlights this half term:

Antarctica - They have settled in exceptionally well and are already well on their way to learn to read and write. They can be very proud of themselves.

Africa - What an amazing learning environment they have in their classroom. I have particularly enjoyed looking at your SuperPotato work this week.

Oceania - I loved teaching your class where we learnt about Kangaroos and even wrote a brilliant text about them.

South America - Your 3D art work is phenomenal! Walking into your class when you've all been busy creating is an absolute pleasure; you're all so calm.

Europe - I hear that you are absolutely smashing your maths as a class at the moment! Keep it up.

North America - You have amazed me with your maturity as a class. You have really settled in well and are ready to learn; your classroom is always one of the quietest.

Asia - I loved teaching your English when Mr Bassett was off. You amazed me with your writing on the Piano. Keep it up!

Red Reading Challenge

Well done to the 136 children who achieved the red reading challenge this half term by reading 5 times a week every week. This is a great achievement and reading regularly really does have a positive impact on their education outcomes. It's such a vital skill

Community Service



Rory has been litter picking with his family at the weekend. He did amazingly well, and enjoyed finding rubbish especially cans. Thank you for keeping our village clean Rory!

Enrichment

Please have a look at the attached poster which highlights all of the enrichment opportunities that are available for our pupils. There is such a wide range of options open to the children.

Attendance

We achieved **96.6%** attendance this week. This is an increase on last week.

Year R are our attendance champions this week with 99.1%, well done Year R! They were closely followed by Year 2 with 99% and Year 6 with 98.1%.

#MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

Poppies

We will continue to sell the usual poppies, snap bands, bracelets etc at break time after half term to raise money for the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Sunday. Suggested donation £1 per item. There will be an assembly led by Mark van der Lande and Tony Petersen on Tuesday 3rd November for the school telling them all about remembrance and why it is so important. We will have another Remembrance Assembly led by Mrs Baker on Wednesday 11th November (Remembrance Day).

Attachments

Please be aware that Arbor is currently experiencing an issue where we cannot email out any attachments. This weeks Thursday News attachments will be emailed out as soon as this issue is resolved.

Key Dates:

These may be added to:

26th – 30th October – Half Term

3rd November - Royal British Legion in school for remembrance service

13th November - Non Uniform day for Children in Need

20th November – Individual Photos

4th December - Non-Uniform day for Hamper donations.

7th December – EYFS nativity to school

8th December – EYFS nativity to parents

8th December - Year 5 trip to Fitzwilliam Museum

10th December – EYFS nativity to parents

11th December – PTFA Christmas Disco

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

14th December – KS1 Christmas concert @ church 2pm

15th December – KS2 Christmas concert @ church 2pm

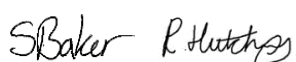
16th December – Orange Rainbow reading non-uniform

17th December – Christingle in school – pupils only

17th December - Christmas Dinner

18th December – Last day of term

Have a very happy half term!



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