



Broadway First School

Newsletter

9TH OCTOBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM MR POULTNEY

Our Hello Yellow Day to support Young Minds was a success today. The children had lots of fun in Mrs Organ's photo booth. There are even rumours that a certain headteacher may have been captured sporting some very funky glasses.

This week's staff meeting focused on the early impact of our new approach to handwriting and spelling as part of the children's development of foundational skills. We evidenced some pleasing signs, with both handwriting and spelling showing signs of improvement. The approach was shared with governors as part of our Quality Committee meeting so that they understand the vision when they visit the school as part of their monitoring.

Looking ahead to next week, Timelock Photography will be in school, and a number of children will be attending the cluster football tournament.

Have a great weekend.



Coming soon!



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After School Activities

Monday - Netball Club 3.10-4.15pm

Tuesday - Singing Club 3.10-4.00pm

Wednesday - Garden/Nature craft Club 3.10-4pm

Celebrations

Headteachers Awards

Kingfishers - Alan
Otters - Edward G
Dragonflies - Frank
Ducklings - Bethany

Values Awards

Kingfishers - Ren
Otters - Maya
Dragonflies - Ethan
Ducklings - Mylo

House Points

Lygon - 114
Russell - 114
Morris - 76
Eadburgha - 224

Attendance this week:

Ducklings: 94%
Dragonflies: 95%
Otters: 97%
Kingfishers: 94%

Pre-school

What a fantastic week we've had in Preschool! 🍁

This week, we got creative making our very own Leaf Man artwork inspired by the story Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert! We used sticks, leaves, stones and mud to create our unique leaf people, and they looked amazing! 🌿

In Maths, we have continued developing our understanding of number rhymes. We have been representing numbers on our fingers to help us count, and we are getting really confident with this. Well done, everyone! 😊

We have also started getting into the spooky spirit of Halloween! 🎃 🧛‍♀️ The children made wonderful pumpkin crafts using orange tissue paper and pumpkin templates. Outside, we have enjoyed exploring the mud kitchen, digging and building in the sand pit, and getting messy with gloop in our sensory tray.

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Ducklings Class 1

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What a super week of learning and fun we've had in Duckling Class!

Our Reception children have made a fantastic start to the RWI Phonics Programme, showing lots of ambition, confidence and pride in their learning. We are so impressed with how enthusiastically they have embraced their new sounds and writing activities.

We were excited to reach our marble target this week and celebrated by making delicious superhero cupcakes! The children loved weighing and mixing the ingredients before watching the magic happen as the mixture changed during baking. This linked perfectly to our Science learning about changing materials, where we explored how ice melts, what happens when shaving foam and sand are mixed together, and how materials can change from one state to another.

In Maths, our cupcake-making helped introduce our new White Rose unit, Talk About Measure and Patterns. We have been busy using scales to weigh objects and compare different amounts. We also compared objects by size and enjoyed a special Teddy Bears' Picnic, where we matched different-sized picnic items to the correct-sized teddy bears.

Our story of the week, Going on a Bear Hunt, inspired lots of imaginative learning. We loved acting out the story together, joining in with the repeating refrains and creating a giant 3D story map. The children then used pictures and key vocabulary to sequence and retell the story independently.

Well done, Ducklings! We are so proud of your fantastic learning, teamwork and enthusiasm. Keep up the amazing work! 🌟📚🧁🐻🐣



Dragonflies Class 2



Dragonflies have been busy across the curriculum! In Maths, we have started our addition and subtraction unit, learning how to partition numbers using part-whole models. In Topic, we explored OS and Google Maps of Broadway and the school grounds, before putting our map-reading skills to the test by spotting/labelling features and an orienteering activity. In Science, we investigated what plants need to grow and planted our own cress seeds for a fair test to find out whether they grow better indoors or outdoors. The children's knowledge of plants is fantastic. Well done everyone.

Otters Class 3



This week in Otter Class, the Year 3 children had their first introduction to column addition using 3-digit numbers, while the Year 4 children recapped their understanding of 4-digit column addition. Both year groups focused on solving calculations without any exchanges and worked hard to set out their methods accurately. In Science, we learned all about the fascinating process of fossilisation and discovered how fossils are formed over millions of years. The children were amazed to find out how the remains of plants and animals can be preserved and provide us with clues about life in the past.

Kingfisher Class 4



This week in Class 4, we have been very busy! In Science, we created our own fossils and explored sedimentary and metamorphic rocks. The children had great fun recreating how sedimentary rock forms and then transforming it into metamorphic rock. Thankfully, our version was much quicker than the thousands of years it would normally take in nature!

In French, we continued our learning by discovering how to say the seasons and talking about our birthdays.

During Forest School, we used clay and natural materials to create faces and sculptures, showing lots of creativity and imagination.

We have had a fantastic week of learning and fun, enjoy the weekend!



Laugh 'n' Learn Nursery.

A week fulfilled with lots of activities here at Laugh N Learn. Throughout the week we made pumpkin paintings and animal leaf collages which will be ready to take home. 🍁 We shown our autumnal forages at circle time and we came across some amazing finds! We also made sure to talk about mental health and the importance of being kind to others, taking part in lots of activities including matching colours to feelings using the colour monster book. 🎨 Halloween is around the corner so we read lots of stories and decorating the room. 🎃 Thursday was world octopus day so we explored the sensory octopus legs using the sensory scarves. 🐙 At the weekend is international porridge day so we got messy in the porridge tuff tray at the end of the week. 🥣



School Letters and reminders this week:

- Please switch on your notifications for emails & in-app messaging - parent communication
- Parent Governor Vacancy - see page 8
- Homework celebration reminder - Thursday 22nd Oct 9am

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 1

13th –Timelock Photography - Individual & siblings

14th – Mixed football event - Evesham United

14th - Book & Biscuit – Reception

15th - Swimming lessons Y3&4 1pm

21st – Book & Biscuit – Pre-school

22nd – Homework Celebration for parents- Rec to Year 5- 9am

22nd - Swimming lessons Year 3&4 1pm

23rd - Crazy hair day - Pre-school to Year 5

23rd – Flu Vaccinations - reception to Year 5

23rd - Break up for half term

Governing Board News

'PARENT' GOVERNOR VACANCY

We are writing to invite 'parents' to put themselves forward to be a Parent Governor in our school as we now have one Parent vacancy on our Governing Board. In this circumstance, a Parent covers anyone who has 'parental responsibility' for a child at our school which could be a carer, grandparent, foster or step parent.

The Governing Board is made up of a mixture of Governors and their collective role is to challenge the headteacher, ensuring the school's performance is the best it can be. They also contribute to the school's leadership to enable the school's future growth and sustainability.

A school governor makes a valuable contribution to children's education and opportunities. Being a school governor is a hugely rewarding role giving you the chance to make a real difference.

No special qualifications are needed for this role as the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and be prepared to play an active part in the governing body's work. Training and mentoring is available and will be tailored to what the individual requires.

Nominations must be from parents with children at the school on the day that nominations close. Parents who have paid employment in the school for 500 or more hours per academic year or who are elected members of the Local Authority, are not eligible to stand.

If you would like to apply for this role, or nominate someone else, please request a nomination form from Mrs Peden in the school office. The completed form, including a short personal statement to support your nomination (which should be no longer than 250 words) needs to be returned to the school office no later than Wednesday 21 October 2026. Please ensure if nominating another parent, you seek their prior consent and also note that in the event of an election this supporting statement will be issued to all parents as part of the process.

If there is only one nomination, that parent will automatically gain the role of Parent Governor. However, if we receive more than one nomination we will conduct a parental vote. If that is necessary, voting papers will be available to all parents together with details of the procedure.

If you would like to discuss this role before applying please contact Ms Avis via the school office.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Lesley-Anne Avis – Chair of Governors

Mr Lee Poultny – Headteacher

Job Opportunities at Broadway First School

Senior Nursery Practitioner for October 2026

Broadway First School is expanding its Laugh 'N' Learn Nursery provision for babies and children from 9 months old. The governors of Broadway First School are looking for enthusiastic, passionate and highly committed Nursery Practitioner to contribute to this new chapter for the school. Our Nursery Practitioner will ideally hold a minimum of a Level 3 approved qualification together with experience of working in a nursery setting with babies and toddlers.

You will have a secure knowledge and understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage recognising your responsibilities towards Safeguarding, Special Educational Needs and other legislative requirements for working with young children. You will have a strong commitment to leading and delivering high-quality care to young people and be able to demonstrate the school's ethos and values within the setting through your daily work.

The successful candidate will have the unique opportunity to thrive in a thriving setting whilst benefiting from the support of Broadway First School staff and procedures already in place. We strongly welcome school visits so that you can see our wonderful school for yourself.

Application deadline: Wednesday 28th October 2026

Interview date: W/C 2nd November 2026

Provisional Start date: ASAP - to be agreed upon appointment.

Please follow the link below for details:

[Senior Nursery Practitioner](#)

Teacher Maternity Cover - January/February 2027

Broadway First School is looking for two excellent and enthusiastic teachers to join our friendly and supportive team to provide maternity cover.

We are a welcoming first school in the beautiful village of Broadway, with a strong sense of community and a commitment to providing the very best education and experiences for our children. We are proud of our nurturing environment, our ambitious and wide-ranging curriculum and, most importantly, our children, who are at the heart of everything we do.

We are looking for teachers who are passionate about helping children achieve their best, have high expectations and enjoy working as part of a close-knit team. Whether you are an experienced teacher looking for a new opportunity or an ECT beginning your career, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

We are particularly interested in appointing people who will bring enthusiasm, creativity and a willingness to contribute to the wider life of the school. Experience or an interest in English, SEND or wider curriculum development would be welcomed, but is not essential.

Application deadline: Wednesday 14th October 2026

Interview date: W/C Monday 19th October 2026

Start date: January/February 2027

Please follow the link below for details:

[Teacher Maternity Cover](#)

Wellbeing in **WYCHAVON**

SEND Support and Advice for Families

Concerns about dyslexia, ADHD, autism, anxiety? Worried about your child's mental health? Struggling with school avoidance? Need independent advice and support? Got questions?



Drop in on ...

**Wednesday 14
October
2026
10am to 12pm**

at

Signpost Broadway

4 Russell Sq.
Broadway, WR12 7AP



FREE hot chocolate and croissant!

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