



Broadway First School

Newsletter

16TH OCTOBER 2026

MESSAGE FROM MR POULTNEY

On Wednesday, Ms Langdord took a number of children to compete in the cluster schools' football tournament. We had two teams representing Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Everyone had a super time, and I was told they represented the school in fine fashion. Our Key Stage 1 team even managed to finish runners-up. Well done to everyone involved.

Timelock Photography were in school. For many of our younger children, it was their first time posing in front of the cameras. Once the photos are ready, Ms Peden will send out details on how you can view and order the photos.

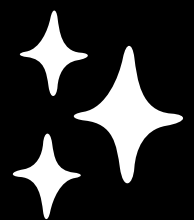
Looking ahead, next week is our last one before half term. Thursday sees parents invited to the homework celebration event, with the annual flu vaccinations planned for Friday.

Enjoy your weekend.

Wear Yellow Say Hello! Young Minds Week



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for a
special edition!



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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

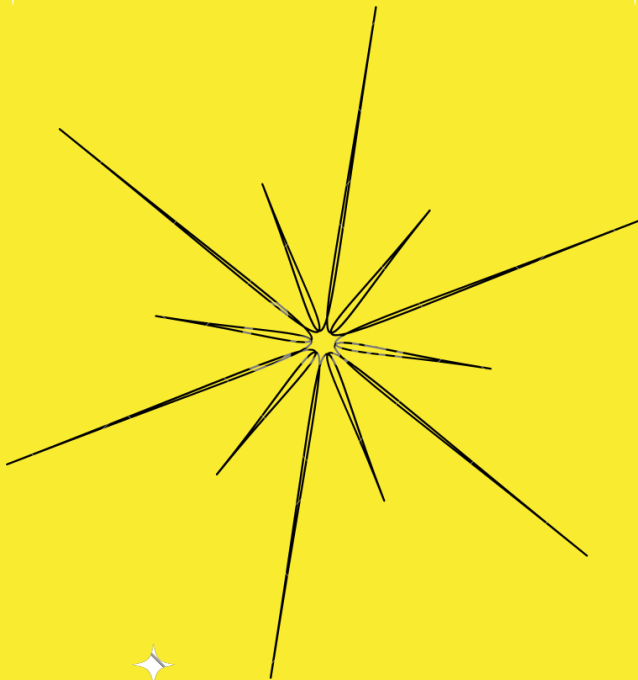
Celebrations

Headteachers Awards

Kingfishers - Iris
Otters - Adam
Dragonflies - Maze
Ducklings - Hazel

Values Awards

Kingfishers - Sapphire
Otters - Teddy
Dragonflies - Harry
Ducklings - Willow



House Points

Lygon - 135
Russell - 121
Morris - 122
Eadburgha - 260

Attendance this week:

Ducklings: 92%
Dragonflies: 96%
Otters: 94%
Kingfishers: 100%



The Golden Welly goes
to...
Alisa & Ella

Laugh 'n' Learn Nursery



This week at Laugh 'n' Learn Nursery, we have been celebrating National Food Day and World Porridge Day, while continuing to enjoy our autumn and Halloween themes.

The children have had lots of fun building pumpkin towers and exploring our cause-and-effect toys, discovering what happens when they press, push, pull and turn different parts. These activities have encouraged curiosity, problem-solving and learning through play.

In the garden, we have enjoyed imaginative role play using our teepee and cushions, creating cosy spaces and acting out little stories with friends.

We have also worked together to create a giant ghost using a variety of materials. Over two days, the children helped paint and decorate our spooky creation, sharing ideas and getting creative along the way!

See you next week 🌞

Pre-school

Preschool have had a fantastic week full of fun and learning! 🌞

In Forest School, we created our own beautiful leaf artwork by tracing around leaves of different shapes and sizes. We loved discovering the variety of leaves around us and turning them into creative masterpieces! 🍁

In Maths and Phonics, we have been learning about repeating patterns. We had lots of fun creating our own patterns and spotting them in songs, rhymes and stories.

Outdoors, our imaginations have been running wild! We dressed up as superheroes and princesses, played pirates on our pirate ship, and made lots of exciting sounds using musical instruments.

In Science, we explored ice cubes and discovered what happens when water freezes and melts. We observed how ice changes back into water and talked about how materials can change state. ❄️

What a wonderful week of creativity, Well done, Preschool! 🌟



Ducklings Class 1



This week in Duckling Class, we revisited the story We're Going on a Bear Hunt and sequenced pictures from the story, using the repeated patterned language to help us retell it together. We then drew our own maps and explored programmable Bee-Bot toys, learning how to give simple instructions using the arrow buttons to move them along our maps.

In Maths, we continued our unit, Talk About Measures and Patterns, exploring size through the story Dear Zoo. We matched toys to the correct-sized boxes and ordered pictures of animals by size. We also enjoyed investigating capacity through water play, experimenting with filling, pouring, and mixing in both the mud kitchen and water play areas.

What a busy and exciting week of learning and exploration. Great work, Duckling Class! 🐥 ✨

Dragonflies Class 2

It has been a great week of learning in Dragonflies. In Science, we have set up a fair test to investigate the best conditions for growing cress seeds. Will they grow without water? Will they grow in the fridge? What will happen if they have no light? The children made some excellent predictions about which seeds they think will grow and why. We can't wait to see the results. In Topic, we created our own maps of the school grounds, designing symbols and adding a key to include lots of detail. There were some incredibly accurate and detailed maps drawn by the children, showing fantastic Geography skills. In Computing, we explored different technologies and identified that iPads are great for scanning QR codes before putting our skills to the test on a QR code hunt. Well done, everyone.



Otters Class 3

What a busy week for Otter Class!

This week in our topic lessons, we explored Chichén Itzá and researched key facts ready to create our own tourist leaflets. In Science, we investigated different types of soil and took a walk around the school grounds to make observational drawings, carefully examining the soil we found in different areas.

As well as the above, some of our pupils proudly represented the school at the Cluster Football Competition at Evesham United. They demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event. Well done to everyone involved!



Kingfisher Class 4

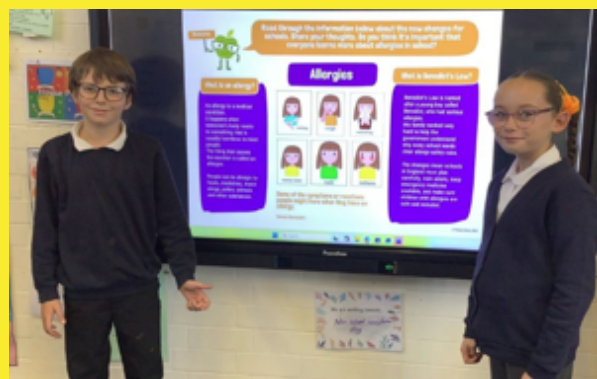
This week in Class 4, we have been busy investigating different soil types and exploring their properties, including water retention, smell, and texture. We then discovered the type of soil we have at Broadway School and discussed which plants would grow best in these conditions.

We also took part in a wonderful football tournament. The children played brilliantly, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, teamwork, and the skills they have been developing in PE. We were incredibly proud of their positive attitude and determination throughout the event.

In geography, we have been learning about Central America and comparing it with the UK. We explored different biomes, population sizes, life expectancy, and the unique flora and fauna found in each region. The children produced some fantastic work and showed a great understanding of the similarities and differences between the two areas.

In SMSC, the children have been learning about allergies and anaphylactic shock and what they should do if the situation arose. The children showed great maturity and enthusiasm for first aid.

Well done, Class 4, for another week of hard work and enthusiasms.



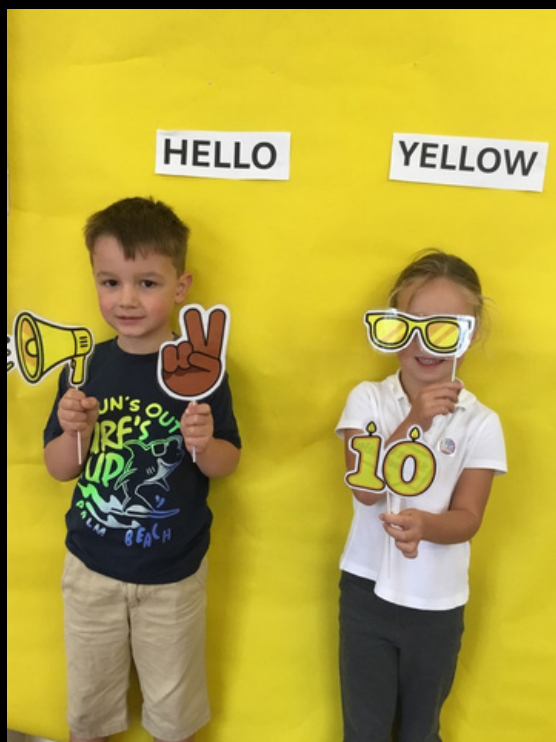
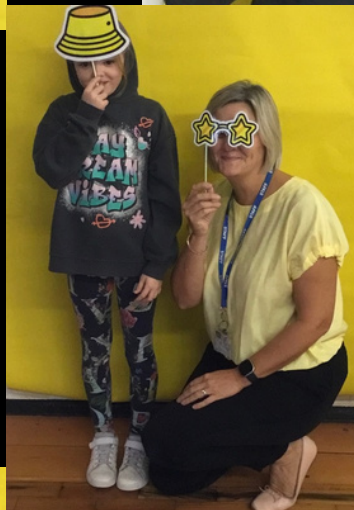
Wear Yellow Say Hello!

As part of Young Minds Mental Health Week, we took part in a range of fun and meaningful activities focused on wellbeing and belonging. We doodled our feelings to help express our emotions, created beautiful Belonging Constellation Stars to celebrate the people and places that make us feel connected, and enjoyed a fantastic photo booth experience. It was great fun, and even Mr Poultney got involved! To finish the week, we all wore something yellow and made a special effort to say hello to others, spreading kindness and reminding everyone that small actions can make a big difference to someone's day.

Well done to everyone.



Wear Yellow Say Hello!



School Letters and reminders this week:

- Parents' Evening is now available to book on Arbor
- Class 1 - trip to All Things Wild
- Headlice Letter - Class 4

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 1

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

2nd – Back to school

2nd – Parents Evening 5-7pm (class 1,2 & 3)

4th OPEN Morning 9-11am

4th – Book & Biscuit - Reception

5th – Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm – all classes

5th - Swimming lessons Y3&4 1pm

11th – Cross Country event Y4&5

11th Book & Biscuit – Pre-school

12th - Swimming lessons Y3&4 1pm

13th – Non uniform day/Children in Need

18th – Book & Biscuit - Reception

19th - Swimming lessons Y3&4 1pm

25th – Book & Biscuit - Pre-school

26th - Swimming lessons Y3&4 1pm

27th – Colour Run Sponsor Event – white T-shirt Day

27th – Carol Singing Broadway – singing club 4.15pm

Governing Board News



Ms Lesley-Anne Avis - Chair of Governors

I first became a school governor at a large comprehensive school in Bromley over 35 years ago, at a time when I felt I wanted to “give something back”. Little did I know that, more than 35 years later, I would feel even more passionate about volunteering as a governor!

I joined the governing board at Broadway First School in 2020, during the Covid pandemic, and I am now in my second year as Chair of Governors. While the challenges facing schools seem to grow every year, I continue to find being a governor a hugely worthwhile and rewarding way to spend my time.

A governor’s role is primarily strategic rather than operational, but one of the things I particularly enjoy is spending time with the children. You can learn a great deal from them, and I certainly do!

One of our responsibilities as governors is to monitor the subjects taught in school. Each year, working alongside the Headteacher, we agree which subjects to focus on, and individual subjects are allocated to governors. We usually visit each subject two or three times a year, with a specific focus linked to the School Development Plan and the school’s priorities for improvement. This can involve visiting classrooms and meeting with teachers, but my favourite part is hearing directly from the children through Pupil Voice.

I monitor English and History, and last term I had great fun talking to four groups of children from different classes. They told me how they learn spelling and handwriting, what they enjoy (and sometimes don’t enjoy!) about learning History, and how they remember things they have learned previously. The girls were very keen to show me their handwriting books, the boys not so much.

These conversations are not just interesting; they are an important part of understanding how children experience their learning. Hearing their views helps governors gain a better understanding of what is working well and where there may be opportunities to improve.

I am particularly looking forward to hearing what the children think about the new approaches to teaching writing and spelling. Their feedback will be a valuable part of understanding how these approaches are working for them.

‘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 Poultney – 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 11th November 2026

Interview date: W/C Monday 16th November 2026

Start date: January/February 2027

Please follow the link below for details:

[Teacher Maternity Cover](#)

FREE Healthy Family Fun Day

Friday 30th October

10:00am – 12:00pm

Wallace House Community Centre
Oat Street, Evesham, WR11 4JP



EVERYONE WELCOME

Glitter tattoos

Healthy snacks

Fun activities

Free Friendly advice from our team and
other professionals



Topics covered:

Oral health, sleep, staying active, healthy food
choices, maintaining a healthy lifestyle..



Free goodie bag per family *subject to availability

No booking required, just turn up!!



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FAMILY FUN DAYS

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HEALTHY HOMES FAMILY FUN DAY

Supporting families to live well

FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Thursday 29 October 2026, 1pm to 3pm
KGV Hub, Ash Avenue, Worcester, WR4 9TL

Free activities for all ages
including a bouncy castle

Pumpkin drawing
competition



Children's goody
bags and balloons

Free fruit for children

Healthy eating advice and ideas

Meet local community organisations
including the Fire Service

PRIZES TO BE WON!



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