

Friday 1st May 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Ducks have had a busy and full second week. We have continued exploring the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, learning about important messages such as being brave, working hard and not giving up.

The children enjoyed creating their own beanstalk crafts and took part in a fun measuring activity by decorating the Giant's foot with beans from toe to heel, then counting how many were used. We also measured heights in the garden and compared sizes, using early mathematical language such as taller, shorter, bigger and smaller.

There has been lots of hands-on learning this week. The children explored how beans grow and investigated fresh beans, as well as cutting cooked beans and watermelon during snack time, helping to develop their fine motor skills.

Thank you to all parents for your generous contributions to our cake sale, it was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. We raised a total of £175 for I Can And I Am.

Forest School was another highlight this week. The children had a wonderful time exploring, learning about how plants grow, examining leaves and creating their own leaf prints. Thank you to Alden's mum for volunteering, supporting and reading with the children.

It was also lovely to see some of you at our Parent Breakfast, thank you for joining us.

Next week: The Gingerbread Man

Literacy: We will be listening to, and retelling, The Gingerbread Man, joining in with repetitive phrases such as "Run, run as fast as you can". The children will sequence the story, answer simple questions about what happened and why, and draw and label their own gingerbread characters.

Phonics: Segmenting, blending and word-building through a range of engaging activities and games.

Handwriting: Curly caterpillar letter a, along with practising c and a.

Maths: Activities will include counting buttons, using number lines and matching numbers to numerals, as well as recognising simple patterns such as button patterns.

Understanding of the World: Forest School session in Holland Park: learning about where different animals live and taking part in den building and nest making for forest animals.

Arts and Crafts: Designing own gingerbread people, as well as making gingerbread biscuits and themed crafts.

Snack: bananas, satsumas and apples.

Notices:

School will be closed on Monday 4th May as its a bank holiday.

The school photos will be taken by Anthony Hurren on Wednesday 6th May in the garden.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend!

Miss Eby and Miss Zara