

# Sylvester Primary Academy

## Early Years Newsletter

Autumn Term- 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025



### Nursery Class

This week we have been learning all about the primary colours: red, yellow and blue. The children enjoyed going on colour hunts, sorting objects by colour, and identifying different shades. One of our trickiest challenges was sorting objects into two groups: "yellow" and "is not yellow." It was not easy, but we kept on trying and didn't give up!

As part of our PSED work, we made calming glitter jars for our classroom. These will help us relax and feel ready to learn whenever we need a moment of calm.

In the block area, we learned new vocabulary by building towers that were *small*, *big*, and *bigger*.

We also began learning about our school promises. We talked about the different ways we can be "safe". We read a story about being gentle and discovered how having kind hands and feet helps everyone feel safe and happy.

Next week, we will be learning about *Autumn*. We have already started our Autumn investigation table — but we need your help! If you are out and about over the weekend, we would be very grateful if you could collect and bring in: conkers, acorns, pinecones, and colourful leaves.

### Reception Class

This week we have been thinking about heroes and how some heroes do not wear a cape but are everyday heroes such as nurses, firefighters and shop workers. Without these everyday superheroes our community would not function. The children thought about qualities that a superhero would need.

In Maths we have been exploring size and using everyday language of small, medium and large to make comparisons.

Our phonics is up and running and the children love learning sounds and practising them. Please use the same rhymes we gave out in the intake pack to practice letter formation. If you need another copy then please just ask. We have sent home a sheet with some QR codes on, please scan and it will give you some phonics videos for your child to watch and support their early reading.

### Key Dates:

Nursery Class: date for your diary: On Monday 20th October, from 1-3pm we will be holding our first Stay and Play session. (Letters will be distributed next week)

PE Days for Reception – Miss Ball's Class Wednesday and Miss Tomlinson's Class – Thursday.  
School PE kit must be worn, not own clothes or branded sports wear.

Reminders:

Please label all uniform items. If you have brought anybody else's home by mistake please return to school so we can get it back to the right person.