



North Star 265, Term 1, 2026, Week 5

Notes from our Head:



Dear Parents/Carers,

We had our MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday. All classes had fun baking and selling their cakes and cookies. We had a large crowd of North Star colleagues attending as we were hosting a training course and we made £52. Well done everyone.

The children have been working hard in their project think about Careers. We are delighted to invite families to our Project Showcase Careers Fair this term, where the children will proudly share their learning and explore a range of future careers. The event will take place in the school hall from **2:30pm to 3:00pm** and will be split over two afternoons to allow everyone the opportunity to attend.

KS3 families are invited on Monday 19th October. KS1 and KS2 families are invited on Tuesday 20th October.

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the children's hard work and aspirations together.

Finally we wanted to make you aware that you can access a free magazine to support with being a parent here. https://e.issuu.com/embed.html?d=family_first_-_issue_4_2026&u=sevenstarmedia

Class News



Acorns

This week in Acorn class, Miss Sims has continued to visit Sollie and complete learning at home.

Sollie has enjoyed his writing focus on The Very Hungry Caterpillar. He has designed a new caterpillar, drawn and labelled fruits and ordered events. Sollie has also spent time working on his fine motor skills, pencil grip and control. We have been warming up our hands by pinching, rolling and moulding play dough into different designs, including a football pitch!

Sollie has also worked extremely hard on his 'l' sounds, as well as completing his initial phonics assessment. We are so proud of how hard you are working, Sollie!



Conkers

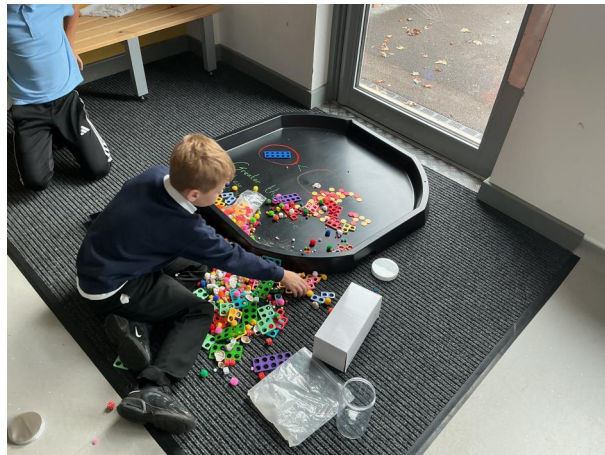
Boom! Another week has gone by in a flash! With the weather getting colder, Conker Class have been keeping busy with lots of fantastic learning.

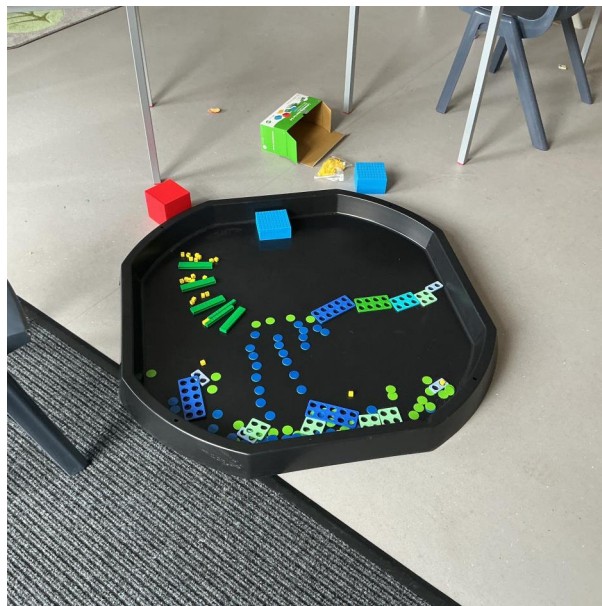
In **English**, we have been writing our own stories based around aspirations. The children have produced some amazing stories, with some very creative ideas! We have even had stories about how Mr Keeping should stop being tired and go to rugby, as well as some helpful suggestions that Miss Sims needs to work on her cooking skills!

In **Maths**, we have continued developing our understanding of **place value** and have been using our tough trays to complete a range of fun and challenging number activities. In **Cooking**, Miss MacRae helped us make some delicious chocolate cakes ready to raise money for the **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. They certainly looked good enough to eat!

We also had the opportunity to visit our local **church**, where we explored the important role it plays within our community. The children asked lots of thoughtful questions and showed fantastic curiosity throughout our visit. In **PE**, we have been making the most of our newly installed **MUGA** with Mr Bates. It has been fantastic to see the children enjoying their PE lessons, and the MUGA has quickly become a favourite at breaktimes too — with both pupils and staff getting involved! Another brilliant week, Conker Class. We can't wait to see what next week brings, even if the days are getting darker and the temperatures are getting colder!







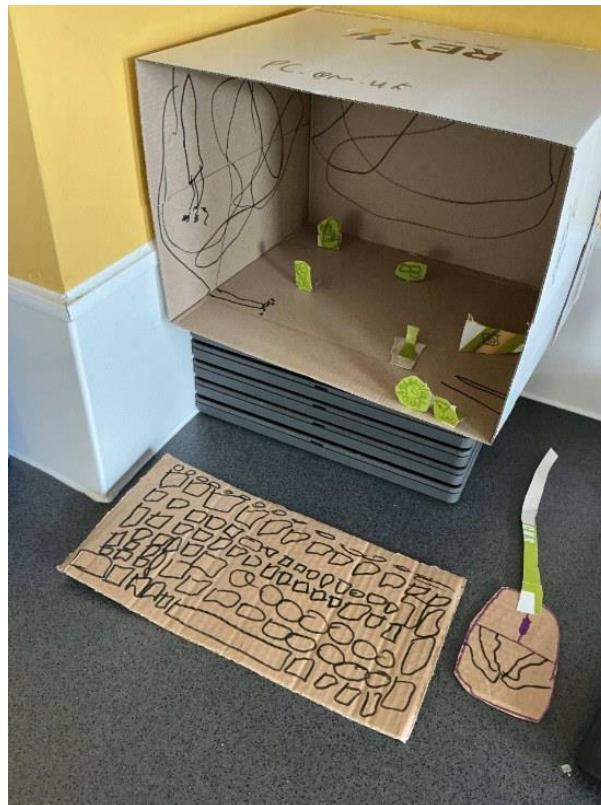
Maple

This week in Maple Class, we have been exploring information booklets and learning about how we might be able to make them. In Maths, we have been using our place value knowledge to add and subtract 1s, 10s and 100s, helping to strengthen our understanding of numbers. In Science, we used Venn diagrams to sort and group different animals, helping us to think carefully about their similarities and differences. In our Project lesson, we began

creating 3D models linked to our future career aspirations, using our creativity and problem-solving skills to bring our ideas to life.

We were also lucky enough to welcome the school nurse, who taught us about the harmful effects of smoking and vaping and the importance of making healthy choices. During Computing, we continued using Scratch, where we practised changing backgrounds and adding sounds to make our projects more interactive. We also enjoyed a Forest School fire-lighting session, developing new outdoor skills while working safely and responsibly.

In Cooking, we baked cookies for our bake sale, which was a fantastic opportunity to work together and contribute to our local community. Our Navigate curriculum helped us explore strategies for staying calm and regulating our emotions. We have also been focusing on using kind words and actions in Maple Class, introducing individual kindness gem jars. When a jar is filled, the pupil earns a special treat of their choice. This focus on the positives is already helping us make good choices and support one another throughout the day. We are proud of the growth, kindness, and resilience, Maple Class. Well done!





Chestnut

This week has been a week of great progress for Chestnut class!

We've focused on number lines in maths and created our own creative stories based on the Engineer Rosie Revere in English, bringing our key text topic on Rosie Revere to a fantastic conclusion.

Cooking was certainly interesting this week, when Chestnut Class discovered that Ms Fairhall prefers her brownies a little crispier than usual!

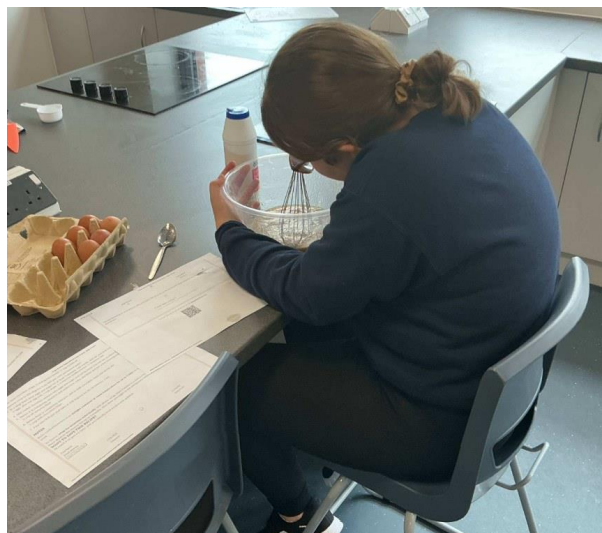
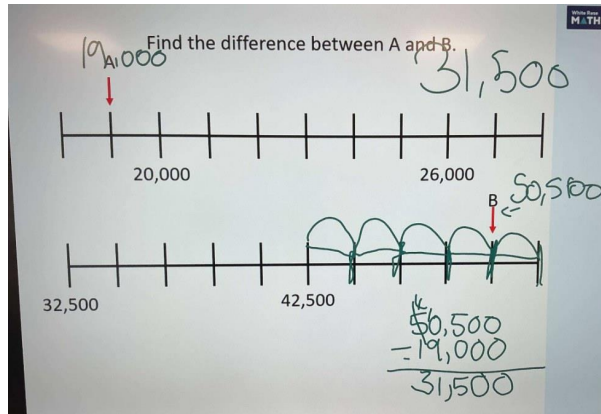
In Forest School, we learnt about the Fire Triangle - oxygen, heat, and fuel. Shortly afterwards, we were given the opportunity to light a fire ourselves, which was exciting, engaging, and informative.

On Wednesday, we went on our first school trip of the term to St Edyth's Church, where we took part in a Biblical Figure Scavenger Hunt. After some determination and teamwork, we managed to find them all!

Lastly in PE, we were introduced to the game of Boccia. Mr Bates and Georgie went up against Harvey and Mr Dunn in an all-time classic match, with everyone proving to be a natural!

Chestnut had lots of fun making brownies for the MacMillan Coffee morning.







Oak

The highlight this week in Oak was baking cinnamon rolls in our catering lesson. The results were fantastic and we all enjoyed eating at break and even had enough to take home! On Friday we had our charity coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. The school raised over £50 for such an amazing cause!

It has been really good to have Dexter in Oak class and he has settled in well. We have already found out his secret talents of singing and dancing! Dexter has also produced some imaginative creative writing in English.

Finally we produced anti-bullying posters as part of our PSHE lesson. After a really in-depth discussion about what constitutes bullying, we turned our skills to being creative. We are going to add the posters in the display by reception for everyone to admire!

Lime

Dear parent(s)/carer(s),

We have another two full weeks before the October half term and this week we have started writing our innovated story.

In PSHE, we have been talking about the differences between banter and bullying.

We also learned a lot about the effects of vaping and smoking during a workshop which was run by the school nurse. Did you know that it is illegal to buy a vape for a person who is younger than 18?

The focus in our food tech lesson was making cinnamon rolls. Initially, some students didn't like the sound of cinnamon but changed their mind after tasting their cinnamon rolls. They were surprisingly tasty!

This week we will be going on two school trips. On Tuesday we will be visiting SGS College and on Wednesday we will be visiting the local church in Sea Mills. At SGS Bristol, the students will be able to explore educational opportunities and apprenticeships. For example, Filton Campus offers study programs that enable learners to enter the world of the beauty therapy industry.