


**Friday 23 October 2026**

Firstly, thank you for all your support this half term. It's certainly been a long one, but the children have shown so many of our school values throughout. I have been particularly impressed by the resilience and perseverance the children have shown this half term. Despite the interesting weather and the usual assortment of seasonal coughs, colds and bugs, they have continued to work hard and approach school life with enthusiasm.

Music has definitely been in the air this week. On Monday afternoon, we were fortunate to welcome violin virtuoso Michael Bochmann to school. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to him perform, singing with him and learning more about music. Windrush have also continued with their cornet lessons and are making excellent progress.

The children worked incredibly hard preparing for our Harvest Festival on Thursday and all that practice certainly paid off. Their singing and performances were wonderful, and they represented the school brilliantly. I was a very proud headteacher!

Forest School brought a mixture of weather this week. Windrush successfully dodged the wind and rain to make clay pots before enjoying s'mores around the campfire. Meanwhile, Avon were lucky enough to enjoy some sunshine as they made and cooked their own pizzas outdoors.

As we reach the end of the half term, I would like to thank all of the children, staff and families for what has been a busy and successful few weeks. We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break.

¡Nos vemos el lunes 2 de noviembre para la cuenta atrás hacia la Navidad!

Have a wonderful half-term holiday and, despite the storms and wet weather forecast, let's hope there is still plenty of time for fun and relaxation.

*Mr Godding*
*Headteacher*

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**Week Commencing 2 November**

**Monday:** Term begins, Autumn/Winter school dinner menu starts today
**Tuesday:**
**Wednesday:** Evenlode Forest School
**Thursday**: Coln Forest School
**Friday:** Young Voices 2027 Expression of Interest deadline (Years 4 to 6)

**Friendship Heroes**

**Coln – Dorothy** for her thoughtful nature and the kindness she shows to others
**Avon – Athena** for showing kindness towards her friends as a learning partner
**Windrush – Harry** for always smiling, being kind and helpful. He brightens the classroom with his positive attitude and is always ready to support others when they need help
**Evenlode – Barney** for being incredibly supportive and helpful to his peers and the whole school community

**Awards**

**Headteacher's Award** this week goes to **Ruth** for her perseverance and effort
**Lunchtime Award** this week goes to **Ella** for being a kind and attentive role model for younger children at lunchtime this week
**Our Stars of the Week are:**

- **Felix** in **Coln** for his cheerful attitude and positive approach to all he does
- **Raphael** in **Avon** for his amazing progress in his writing
- **Grace** in **Windrush** for giving maths a go and never giving up. Keep up the great effort and enthusiasm
- **Wilf** in **Evenlode** for some great work in maths on ordering decimals

**Well done to everyone for their awards!**