



Squirrel and Hedgehog Class



Welcome to Squirrel and Hedgehog Class and the first newsletter of the 2026-27 academic year! We are really looking forward to working with you and your child over the next year. After the summer holidays it may feel a little daunting returning to school, but we will do our very best to support you and your child with this transition to settle everyone back and adjust to new routines - these transitions can sometimes be a little tricky to begin with but usually settle once everything becomes familiar again. 😊

Our class staff -

Class Teachers - Amy Little (*Squirrel Class*) and Sarah Brownlie (*Hedgehog Class*)

Gemma Dunstone - Covering *Squirrel Class* all day Wednesday

Support Staff - Kelly Swift (*HLTA*) - covering *Hedgehog Class* Wednesday afternoon

Lesley - *Teaching Assistant* Yulia - *Teaching Assistant*

Jenny - *Teaching Assistant* Michelle - *Teaching Assistant*

Chloe - *Teaching Assistant* Justine - *Teaching Assistant*

Our Topics

During this first half term our topic will be '*All about Me*'. We will have the opportunity to learn about our school and who helps us and our routines. We will explore families, pets and things we like and dislike. Please feel free to send in any pictures of pets, family members and things your child likes or dislikes.

Key Language

Key words that we are focussing on this half term are:

School, class, Squirrel, Hedgehog, outside, discovery, teacher, friends, floor time

English

Our English learning will allow us to explore stories with a familiar setting using props and sensory trays. Our focus stories will include:

- *Pete's School Shoes*
- *Peace at Last*
- *Off to the Park*

Maths

This half term we will be learning 2D shapes. We will be exploring, naming and learning about 2D shape properties. We will also have the opportunity to develop our number and counting skills.

Important dates



Wednesday 23rd Sept – Parent drop-in

Friday 23rd Oct – Inset Day

Break for Half term

Monday 2nd Nov – Return to school

More dates will follow, please check your child's blue home/school link book for letters.

Continued Learning

Read other stories with familiar settings to your child such as a swimming pool, park, garden, home etc

Use photos of staff and talk about school.

During play or when out and about look for shapes you may see eg a letter box in the front door is a rectangle, dinner plate is a circle.

PE

PE days will be confirmed shortly.



Useful Links

[Pete The Cat Rocking in my School Shoes | Animated book | Read aloud](#)

[The First Day | Time For School | CBeebies](#)

A little reminder:

- With all the children returning to school looking so smart in their uniforms we want to ensure they do not get lost! Remember to pop a name in every item of clothing and footwear.
- A set of named waterproof clothing and wellies will help the children stay snug and dry as we will venture outside in all weathers.
- Spare sets of clothing are useful for any events that require a change of clothing - messy play, art and craft, toileting mishaps.
- A named drinks cup - which your child can recognise.
- If your child only drinks squash please provide this.
- If your child is in nappies, please ensure there is a supply of nappies and wipes - we will let you know when we are running low.