



SQUIRREL CLASS

Autumn Term 2026 Newsletter



Would you rather live in the Stone Age or the Iron Age?

The class team ...	Class teacher – Mrs Witty-Crane Assistant teacher – Miss Ritchie PPA cover – Miss Ritchie / Mrs Curry	<u>Diary Dates</u>
Timings of the day	Start time – 8:40 (doors open 8.35 and gates close 8.50) Home time – 3:10 It is very important that you drop off and collect your child on time. Please make sure your children line up ready to come into school.	1/10/26 National Poetry Day 5/10/26 World Habitat Day
Things to remember...	Please remember to bring a named water bottle to school everyday. School uniform must be worn everyday. Children must wear black shoes (no Crocs) and a full list of uniform can be found on the website. No jewellery to be worn in school. Children may wear only one pair of studs if their ears have been recently pierced. Please make sure that in the warmer weather children have sun cream and a hat.	16/10/26 Parents online safety meeting 20/10/26 Halloween Disco 23/10/26 Last Day of Term
P.E. day- Monday and Friday	PE kit to be worn on PE days. No jewellery to be worn on PE days. This includes stud earrings. Please make sure that PE shorts are an appropriate length.	2/11/26 Return to school
Our project	This half term we will be travelling back in time to learn about the Stone Age! Through stories, art, practical activities and exploration, the children will discover what life was like for people living thousands of years ago. We will learn about cave paintings, stone tools, homes, hunting and how life has changed over time. The children will develop their understanding of the past by comparing Stone Age life with their own experiences and placing events on simple timelines. We are looking forward to an exciting topic full of creativity, discovery and hands-on learning.	6/11/26 School Pantomime 9/12/26 School Nativity at the Church
How can we help you...	If you have any problems or concerns please do not hesitate to speak to me on the yard. Alternatively, you can message on Seesaw or call the school office on 0191 222 0259 to book a telephone conversation.	18/12/26 Last Day of Term
Behaviour System in school	Our school rules and behaviour system focuses around the three words 'Ready' 'Safe' 'Respectful'. Conversations with children will focus on our 3 words and children are expected to follow the rules in class, at break/lunch time and around school. When a child's behaviour is unacceptable, unsafe, hurtful or disrespectful they will be asked to reflect on their behaviour during the day with senior members of staff. Serious incidents will be dealt with by the Head or Deputy Head teacher and parents/carers will be informed. It is important as parents/carers that you support and reinforce how your child is expected to behave in school.	

Attendance	If your child is unwell please make sure that you call and leave a message on the absence line 0191 222 0259 option 1. Please remember if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must stay at home for 48 hours from the last time they are sick/have diarrhoea. This helps us to contain the spread. If your child requires any medicine in school this must be brought in to the school office not given to class teachers. School starts at 8:40 and the main gates shut at 8:45am. After this time your child will need to be signed in as late in the school office.	
How to help your child...	Please listen to your child read and practise times tables. Please support your child in becoming more independent at home by practicing everyday skills like tying shoelaces, getting dressed, and brushing their teeth. Please listen to your child read weekly and leave a comment in their reading journal. This term we are focusing on fluency therefore the children need to practise reading out loud as much as possible. Thank you.	