



HAWRIDGE & CHOLESBURY CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Windmills - Autumn Term Updates

Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure getting to know all the children during their first half term at school. They have settled into life at Hawridge and Cholesbury School really well and are beginning to establish good routines. As we look ahead to Autumn 2, I wanted to share a few updates with you.

Phonics & Reading

The children have worked hard to learn their 'Set 1 sounds'. Hopefully, you have been able to access the QR codes shared at parents' evening to support additional practice at home. I have also shared a QR code to help the children practise blending CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words using the sounds they have learned so far.

Now that the children are more settled, I will send home the sounds they are learning each week, along with videos to help reinforce the phonics we are teaching in school. Please try to spend 15–20 minutes each week practising phonics at home, alongside regular reading and enjoying stories together.

We will begin visiting the **library every Monday**, starting in the first week of Autumn 2, where the children will have the opportunity to choose a book to enjoy for pleasure. We will also send home a reading record for you to update with any books you read together at home.

As your child grows in confidence with blending and reading CVC words, I will begin sending home a 'blending book' for them to practise reading independently.

Show & Tell

During Autumn 2, Show & Tell will be an opportunity for the children to share a photograph of their family and talk about the people who are special to them. **Please could you send a family photograph into school with your child's name written on the back by Friday 6th November.** To encourage turn-taking and give everyone a chance to share, we will use a 'lucky dip' to choose whose photograph we look at each day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to another lovely half term with the children.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Muckell
Windmills Class Teacher

There is no obligation to contribute and no one will be excluded because parents are either unwilling or unable to pay. However, if parents are reluctant to support this activity it may have to be cancelled. Please note that all payments are non-refundable due to the school committing to the cost at the time of booking.