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NEWSLETTER 4 – 5th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

We will celebrate Children In Need on Friday 13th November by asking that children come to school in something spotty, their Pudsey clothes or other non-uniform if they don't have anything spotty/Pudsey. Please don't buy anything new/special. A donation of 50p is suggested.

BOOKS AND BISCUITS – FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Please come and join your child's class to share books and eat biscuits! This is a lovely opportunity to spend time in your child's classroom. Please see times below:
Acorns (Nursery) 8:50 am
Oak, Willow and Rowan Classes 2:45 pm

CHRISTMAS FAIR – WEDNESDAY 2ND DECEMBER

We are holding our Christmas Fair on Wednesday 2nd December 2:00-4:00pm. Today the children are bringing home raffle tickets. We are sending 1 sheet (10 tickets) per family but more are available from the office on request. Tickets are 50p each or £5.00 for a sheet and you will be able to pay via cash or on ParentPay. Please can you return any money and sold or unsold tickets to school by Monday 30th November or earlier if possible.

We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 20th November** in exchange for the children bringing in a prize for the adult or children's tombola.

Santa will be in his Grotto again this year and tickets will need to be paid for in advance on ParentPay. Tickets are £2 per child and include a small gift. Younger siblings are also welcome to visit Santa but will need a ticket purchasing if they wish to receive a gift. In order to reduce queue time, you will be given a time slot in which to join the queue. Please pay by Thursday 26th November in order to give us time to organise time slots for everyone.

On the day of the fair we would be grateful for any donations of buns/cakes for the refreshments stall. It would be really helpful if you could bring small change as most stalls will be 20p, 50p or £1.

If you are able to help with a stall or offer a donation of a raffle prize, please speak to Mrs Cook or the school office.

We really appreciate your support in making this a fun event.

DIARY DATES

Rowan Class visit to Bassetlaw Museum	Monday 9th November
Children in Need	Friday 13th November
Books & Biscuits	Friday 13th November 2:45pm
Elizabethan Dance & Gymnastics Willow & Rowan	Wednesday 18th November
Dress down for the tombola day	Friday 20th November
Willow Class visit to Leverton Windmill	Thursday 26th November
Indian Dance workshop	Friday 27th November
Nativity Photos in school	Tuesday 1st December
Christmas Fair	Wednesday 2nd December 2:00-4:00pm
Nursery Christmas Play	Thursday 10th December 9:15am
Oak Christmas Play	Friday 11th December 9:00am
Willow Christmas Play	Monday 14th December 2:30pm
Rowan Christmas Play	Tuesday 15th December 9:00am
Rowan Class to sing at Abbey Wood Care Home	Tuesday 15th December pm
Christmas Party Nursery, Oak & Willow	Wednesday 16th December
Christmas Party Rowan	Thursday 17th December
Oak, Willow & Rowan visit to St Michael's Church	Thursday 17th December (parents welcome)
Christmas Dinner Oak, Willow & Rowan	Thursday 17th December
Rhubarb Theatre visit school Oak, Willow & Rowan	Friday 18th December

We like to give dates in advance but please be mindful that they may need to be changed.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break. Please see the free holiday activities at the end of the newsletter.

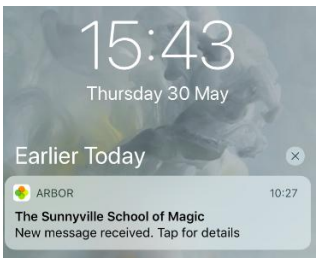
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ARBOR APP

Please read the following information from Arbor regarding receiving notifications from your Arbor App.

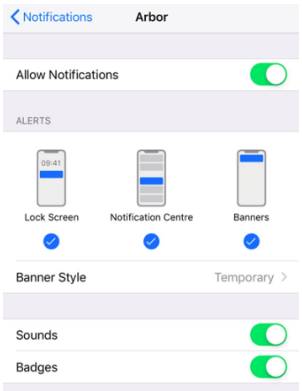
Parents can enable push notifications when installing the Parent App on their phone, which means they'll be notified when they've been sent a new in-app message (whether they're logged in or not).



Sometimes, parents may stop receiving push notifications to their phones. Even though they may have enabled push notifications on their phones, iOS devices occasionally block push notifications if the phone is receiving a lot of them.

If they do stop receiving messages, they can complete the below steps to enable them again:

1. Close the Parent App (make sure that it's not running at the background - see this video on how to do this)
2. Go to your settings and switch OFF push notifications for the Parent App.
3. Restart your phone.
4. Go to the settings and switch ON push notification for the Parent App.
5. Restart your phone again.
6. You should then be able to receive push notifications again.



If after all the steps above have been completed and push notifications are still not appearing, uninstall the Parent App from the device and install it again. When installing the second time, make sure that you agree to receive push notifications from the app.

