

# Acorn Park School



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# Newsletter



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## Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup

We hope you are ready for the arrival of Summer this weekend? We are lucky to have a large site and lots of outdoor activities but please be aware that young people will need sunhats and suncream on, for playtimes, PE, Animal Care, Horticulture and Forest School. They will also need water in a clear plastic water bottle. We do have some in school that pupils can use if needed.

In science this week, year 10 have started their teacher devised assignments, these will contribute towards their year 11 entry level portfolios in science.

Steinbeck students, worked really well, safely carrying out an experiment on melting points of some substances in the laboratory.

Pratchett class students are also doing very well in science, engaging and safely completing practical activities. Well done everyone.

Massive thanks to classroom staff, who have been amazing in science this week, fostering an enabling environment for our pupils

If you drop off or pick your child up from school, please see the following:

There is a one-way system when entering the school. Students should not be collected from outside reception without specific permission, if this permission is granted for any reason, it is vital to drive around the one-way system on entering and then into the bays there. Otherwise, you are driving into oncoming traffic which potentially creates a hazard.

There are two pedestrian crossings by the entrance to the school. Please be aware of pedestrians when entering and leaving site. The normal rules of pedestrian crossings apply on site.

If your drop off / pick up area is full, please do not stop blocking the traffic. Please drive to the front of the taxi point. Please do not open doors on the road side unless essential. If it is essential, please be mindful of the flow of traffic.

It is the time of year where sweatshirts get taken off - please ensure names are in all items of uniforms so we can easily reunite them with owners.

## Acorn Park - Weekly Roundup – continued

### Star Pupils

We were so proud of Zac M this week. He recognised another pupil was upset and found them a beanbag, which is what they use to regulate. Zac, you are beginning to understand and display empathy. You are a good friend.

Jazmin – after a really difficult day, Jazmin explained to a peer who was new about their nonbinary status when they had identified Jazmin incorrectly. Jazmin was calm and so very mature about the whole thing.

Kinney Rylee – He was just so great at animal care this week. Using his initiative, work ethic and just an absolute determination to get on, including tidying up after himself with out even being asked. Fantastic.

All of Ahlberg Class for looking after the Care Farmanimals Tuesday morning while I was dealing with an emergency at home. They are such a such a brilliant group , being able to focus at animal care, asking to see particular animals and really starting to trust their staff and Amber during their lessons. Well done to all the pupils and their staff team.

Robin and Ronnie in Golding class have been super helpful and kind in helping Saffron take equipment back to the PE cupboard without me even asking.

Iwona would like to nominate the whole of Kerr class for having a fantastic trip to BeWILDerwood. The whole class were well behaved from the moment they arrived and were so brave to try new and exciting activities.

Thank you all for displaying our school values and being great role models.

### Staff Stars

Our new LSA, Oliver - he was with Golding and hit the ground running. He was engaging well with all the boys and was keen to learn the ways of the class. A really promising and enthusiastic member of staff. Welcome to Acorn Park

Bridie was recognised by a parent for her efforts with their child

Svitlana led a wonderful music lesson with Murphy class today. All the students shared space and engaged well as a group. Pupils followed instructions brilliantly. It is really lovely to see how confident Svitlana has become and the lovely relationships she has formed with the young people.

From everyone in Walliams class we just wanted to say thank you for all the support we've been offered. We feel supported by everyone even if it was just a smile, asking if we were okay or coming to cover

Have a wonderful weekend.

Philippa Whipp  
Headteacher