

# Weekly Update



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
Happy new year!

Welcome to all our new starters who have settled in brilliantly. It is a joy to see them enjoying the unit and the early years team are very excited for the new year. Thank you for choosing us.



Welcome back to our 'old' families. It's been great to see the children looking so grown up and they are back into the school routines quickly and learning 'stuff'. I have even given out my first gold stars.

## SUMMER WORKS

During the holiday a lot of work was carried out. Our central courtyard was re paved, community room redecorated, and a new fire alarm system was put in place. Reading books were reorganised so that free readers have books that match their reading and interest age. But the biggest news is... the hall lighting and ceiling have been replaced. I cried- it looks amazing, and fingers crossed with the support of our trust and some environmental funding we may be able to do this throughout the rest of the school.

## ARBOR

This academic year we have a new Management Information System in place called Arbor. This is where we store all the relevant information about the children including contact details and academic progress. It has been a steep learning curve for all of us and we have just about mastered the text and email systems. If you have any issues such as not receiving emails and texts, please contact the office. Sharon and I have been using the previous system for nearly 20 years so please forgive us while we attempt to master this new whiz bang system.

## ATTENDANCE

At Arrow Valley we believe that for our pupils to reach their true potential, good attendance is essential. This week's attendance is...**97.41%**

### Your responsibilities as a parent

By law, all children of compulsory school age must receive a suitable full-time education. For most parents, this means registering their child at a school – though some choose to make other arrangements to provide a suitable, full-time education.

Once your child is registered at Arrow Valley First School, the parent is legally responsible for making sure they attend on a regular basis. If your child does not attend school on a regular basis, you could get fined or be prosecuted in court.

### How to prevent your child from missing school

You can help prevent your child missing school by:

- making sure they understand the importance of good attendance and punctuality
- taking an interest in their education – ask about school work and encourage them to get involved in school activities
- discussing any problems they may have at school and letting their teacher or principal know about anything serious
- not letting them take time off school for minor ailments – particularly those which would not prevent you from going to work

To avoid disrupting your child's education, you should arrange appointments and outings:

- after school hours
- at weekends
- during school holidays
- you should not expect Arrow Valley to agree to your child going on holiday during term time.

## AWARDS

	Star of the week	Awesome Attributes
Mice	All of the children	All of the children
Squirrels	All of the children	All of the children
Hedgehogs	Harper	William
Badgers	Bobby	Millie
Mallards	Charlie	Oliver R
Hérons	Alex S-R	Kacey
Staff	Miss Giles	Mr Brennan

## TERM DATES

### 2023-2024

#### Autumn Term 2023

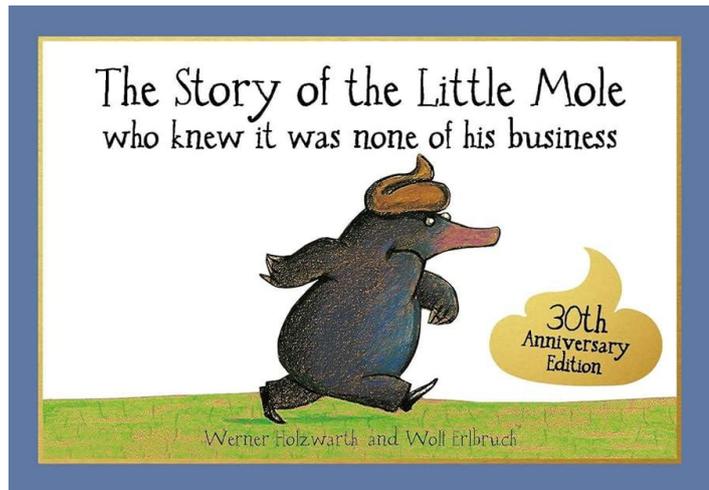
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
STAFF TRAINING DAY (Trust)	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
TERM STARTS	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
HALF TERM	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
TERM ENDS	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Please click on the link to see the term dates for this and next academic year

[Arrow Valley First School CRST - School Dates](#)

Please bring in your  
their favourite book on  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September  
2023.

(This one is still mine!) [The Story of the  
Little Mole \(Who Knew it was None of  
his Business\) - YouTube](#)



Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday!