

September 2026



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Eastwood Newsletter—Issue 22

HOUSEKEEPING

General reminders

- If your child is going to be away on holiday, please notify us as soon as possible in writing. All absences should be emailed to edn@eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk or admin@eastwood.wandsworth.sch.uk
- **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures: the use of mobile phones is not permitted in the building. This includes the reception and corridor areas, staff have been asked to challenge any mobile phone usage.**
- Please make sure when entering or leaving the premises you **do not open the door** for any other individuals or families.



Autumn Term

We have been pleased to welcome two new members of staff into our team here at Eastwood. Silvia and Rosa have both settled in quickly into Beech Class, and will already be known by many of you.

September has been a busy month with lots of the children returning after the Summer Term as well as lots of new faces starting their journey at Eastwood, It has been wonderful getting to know all of our new children and families and we are excited to share lots of upcoming events with you.

Upcoming Events



NURSERY SCHOOL DIARY DATES

DAY NURSERY DIARY DATES



October 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026—Last day of term

Monday 26th October—Friday 30th October 2026— Closed for half term

November 2026

Tuesday 17th November 2026—NIPA, Stay and Play Session 2:30pm-4:00pm (For children 3+ years)

Wednesday 18th November and Thursday 19th November 2026—Autumn Term Parent Meetings

October 2026

Friday 23rd October 2026—Last day of term, for term time children only.

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Thursday 29th October 2026—Oak Class Curriculum Stay and Play session, from 10:15am-11:00am

Friday 30th October 2026—Acorns Curriculum Stay and Play session, from 10:15am-11:00am

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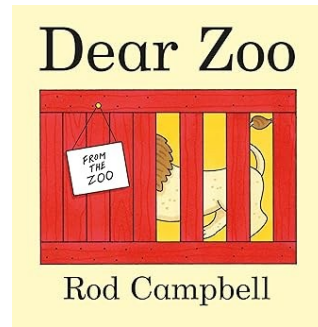
Acorns



Our Focus Story...

The children have been focusing on the story **Dear Zoo** by Rod Campbell. They have been learning about the different animals, their sounds and how *fierce*, *grumpy* and *scary* some of them are.

The children have been developing concepts of object permanence when they have been placing the animals into different sized containers with lids. They have also been mark making and engaging in sensory play with the animals from the story.



Exploration...

With many new children settling into Acorns they have all been developing their independence and confidence in exploring. They have shown a specific interest in the natural items around them and what they can do with these. For example, dropping lids to investigate sound, rolling cotton reels and posting into tubes and containers.

Why not try this at home with your little one, there is a link here on the importance of treasure basket play—

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zkyyy9q>



The children have been exploring with paint and the different marks they can form using animals and paintbrushes.

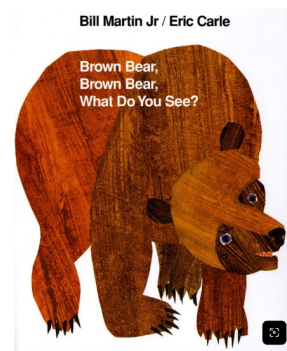
They have also investigated what it feels like to push their hands and fingers through the paint.



Our Focus Story...

The children have been focusing on the story, **Brown, Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?** By Eric Carle.

They explored making their very own animals using different coloured paints. They then made their own faces using photographs of their eyes, nose and mouth, calling out each others names and repeating, "What do you see?"



Outdoor Construction...



The children worked together connecting and balancing the different wooden blocks, to create their very own obstacle course.

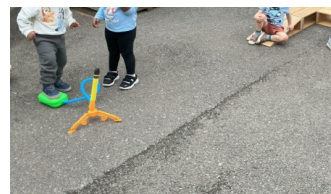
Once the children were content with their obstacle course they took it in turns to walk across this balancing on the planks and calling out, 'Ready, steady go' before jumping onto the ground.



Group Games...

The children have been testing and investigating what their own movements can do. They took it in turn to stamp and jump onto the pump which sent a pretend rocket up into the air.

Whilst taking it in turns and waiting for the rocket to blast off the children joined in singing 'Zoom Zoom'.

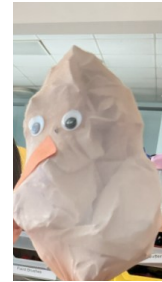
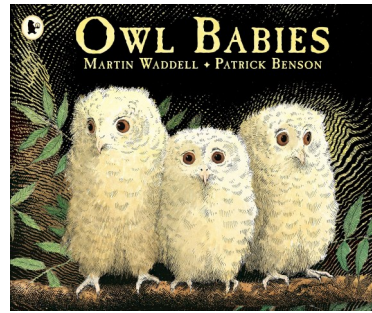


Beech Class

Our Focus Story...

The children have been focusing on the story **Owl Babies** by Martin Waddell and Patrick Benson. They made their very own owls using pine cones, feathers, playdough and googly eyes. They also went on to make owl props for their story by using tights and scrunched up paper.

The children have been recalling on the events from the story and that the, *"The Mummy owl went to get food"*. They have also been exploring differences in size between the three baby owls in the story that are big, small and tiny.



Mini Beasts...

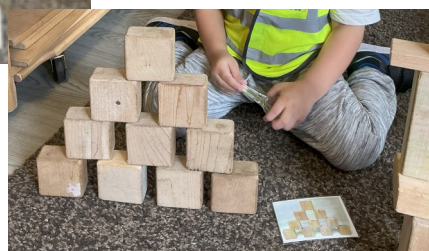
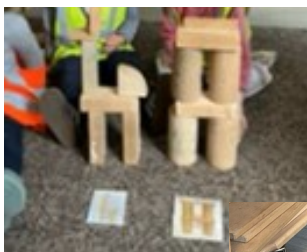


Linked to the focus story **Owl Babies** the children have also been exploring other animals and creatures that live outside.

They made their very own bug hunt, by hiding small world animals in a tray with soil and leaves. Taking it in turns to see what pretend bug they could find using the tweezers.

They also made their very own representations of the mini beasts and attempted to make these using clay.

Patterns and Shapes...



The children have been working together to create different structures. They followed the pattern set out on card and placed their blocks in different positions until they felt that their structure matched the one in the image.