



Hello October! Well, it seems that the golden autumn days we had hoped for have taken a little detour- instead of crisp air and crunchy leaves, we're dodging freezing raindrops! Though the weather may be a bit dreary, we hope this week's newsletter might brighten up your day.

We believe that learning happens best when it's immersive, hands-on, and engaging for all our senses. We know that for many of our students, sensory learning is a powerful way to explore the world around them, and we're excited to share just how central it is to everything we do! Whether it's through sight, sound, touch, smell, or movement, sensory experiences help our students make sense of their environment, develop critical thinking, and build connections between concepts. For example, in our English lessons, students might feel different textures as they hunt for phonemes or practise their fine motor control. In Maths, we explore shapes, sizes, and quantities through hands-on activities like sand tracing, water play, or counting objects of different textures and weights.

We also use sensory approaches to develop key skills like balance, cooperative play, and social interaction. Students work on their coordination, practice teamwork, and build confidence in their abilities. These fun activities help develop both gross and fine motor skills, which are essential for everything from putting on our coats to writing.

You may have noticed your child coming home a little messier than usual, and we see this as a great sign! Whether it's a result of finger painting, sensory trays, or outdoor learning, that mess shows that your child has had a fantastic day exploring and learning through sensory activities. It's a sign of active engagement, creativity, and progress.

Examples I have spotted in recent weeks have been great scooping and pouring with baked beans, fabulous letter formation in shaving foam and super sniffing in cooking lessons!

If you'd like to extend sensory learning at home, here are a few ideas:

- Cook together: Let your child experience different textures, smells, and tastes.
- Outdoor exploration: Walk through the park, noticing the feel of grass, leaves, or bark of a tree. You could even collect leaves to do leaf printing with later.
- Sensory play: Use everyday household items like rice, cereal, beans, spaghetti or water for sensory trays.

have a lovely weekend...
Vicki

Sensory learning is more than just play – it's an essential part of helping our students reach their full potential.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 15th Oct	• Parents Evening
Fri 18th Oct	• Last day before Half Term break
Wed 30th Oct	• Back to School
Thurs 7th Nov	• School Photos
Tue 17th Dec	• Christmas Dinner
Wed 18th Dec	• Santa in school
Wed 18th Dec	• Christmas Dinner
Fri 20th Dec	• Last day before Christmas break
Tue 7th Jan 2025	• Back to School for Spring term

LUNCHES

[Click here for Lunch Menus](#)

w/c 7th October: Week 1 Menu
Primary School Meals: £2.30 per day



We have a no-debt procedure for our school meal service. If your child is not entitled to free school meals, they **MUST** be in credit if they wish to have a school dinner, you can pay via Arbor. Please keep us updated with any dietary requirements for your child. Information regarding eligibility for Free School Meals is available [here](#)

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