EYFS Autumn 2 2026

Autumn and Celebrations

MERLEY FIRST SCHOOL



WHAT WE ARE LEARNING

- Exploring Autumn with our senses – noticing colours, textures, sounds and smells in the natural world.
- Building vocabulary and communication – new words, stories, songs and conversations.
- Early literacy – listening to stories, joining in with rhymes, knowing all the single phoneme/ grapheme correspondences and beginning to form letters correctly.
- Early maths – counting and comparing numbers, finding one more and one less, naming 2D shapes and using positional language.
- Physical development – developing fine motor skills, gross motor skills and healthy habits.
- Friendships and feelings – sharing, taking turns, kindness and talking about our emotions.
- Celebrations – learning about Diwali and Christmas and the joy of giving and being together.



OUR CORE VALUES

Ready to learn

Engaged in our learning

Respectful in our relationships

SPECIAL EVENTS



AUTUMN WALK

Exploring nature and seasonal changes.



DIWALI

Learning about the Festival of Light.





CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Songs, stories, crafts and festive fun.



ELF CHASE

Can you find our mischievous elf each day?



OUR NATIVITY

Little Owl and the Star to share with you.

KEY VOCABULARY

- **Season** – splits up the year into 4 sections by change of weather
- **Autumn** – a season where the weather gets colder
- **Hibernate** – when an animal or plant sleeps through winter
- **Reflective** – providing a reflection.
- **Festival of Light** – another name for Diwali
- **Christmas** – a season celebrated by Christians
- **Christian** – someone who follows the religion of Christianity
- **Tradition** – the passing of customs and belief from generation to generation.

HOW CAN YOU HELP

- Encourage independence – putting on and doing up their coat, putting their shoes on independently and on the correct feet., helping to tidy up.
- Share stories together every day, talk about the pictures and characters.
- Hear your child read to you – for a few minutes every day.
- Practice counting in everyday moments – finding one more and one less
- Go on autumn walks – collect leaves, talk about what you see, hear and feel.
- Talk about celebrations and family traditions.
- Share acts of kindness and celebrate your child's achievements.

