

Apple Class Newsletter

Autumn 1

20th October 2025



News / Information

Firstly, thank you to all those parents who attended the Phonics Workshop, I hope it was informative. I will send out a couple of useful sheets for you to use at home. For those who could not attend, I have uploaded the PowerPoint to the Apple Class page.

If you wish to support your child at home with Phonics, I would highly recommend buying the Little Wandle flash cards. There are two sets – Phase 2 and Phase 3. Please see link below:

[Little Wandle at Home First Phonics Flashcards for Reception : Wandle Learning Trust and Little Sutton Primary School: Amazon.co.uk: Books](#)

We will be showing the children a video from the NSPCC 'Pants' campaign. We regularly show this animation and song as it supports young children's awareness of how to keep themselves safe. If you would like to view it, please go to this link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

It has been a truly wonderful start to the year, Louise, Amy and myself have been so impressed with how well the children have settled into life at Batheaston. We have a new topic planned for next term, so watch this space! Have a lovely break and enjoy the rest.

Phonics

Phase 2 – this week we have some review sessions. Alongside my individual assessments of your child's current understanding of the phonemes we have covered so far. I will also assess their ability to segment and blend. *Please remember that the ability to blend can take a little time, so keep modelling this with your child at home.*

What are we learning this week: In Drawing Club it is animation week, one of my childhood favourites 'Mr Benn'. As the children are so interested in wild animals, I have opted for 'The Zookeeper'. The children will be asked to draw the zoo as it's setting and then later in the week, asked to think up a brand-new animal for the zoo. In maths we are looking at comparison, using the language more than, less than and the same. The children will also be encouraged to apply their new skills of subitising to identify the quantities of small groups. On the investigation table, we are asking the children to sort different resources, such as dominoes, Numicon, dot arrays, to sort into groups of their own choice. It will be national Apple Day this week, so we will be celebrating with some cooking. Alongside this we will continue to follow their enjoyment of printing, using apples – in the style of Orla Keily. We also use this as an opportunity to revisit repeating patterns. On Wednesday Louise will take the children into Mike's Meadow to enjoy the colours of Autumn. This term they have had a wonderful time, exploring our woodland space with care, awe and wonder.

**Teacher
Awards**

**Tommy and
Maya**

