



5th September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Harting and Acorn Class. We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your child and hope that they settle very quickly into Acorn Class. Each week, we will send out a newsletter to keep you informed about the particular learning we are doing in class. We hope this will help you to support and be involved with your children's learning at home.

This week the children will be part-time for the first few days, then full-time from Thursday. We will be introducing new experiences gradually and in small groups, helping the children feel confident and happy. We will also be meeting some of you for a chat at your child's home visit. This will be a good chance for us to find out more about your child's interests and for you to ask any questions or share any concerns you may have.

The topic this half-term is **Me, my family and friends** and we will be reading lots of books with friendship, family and kindness as the theme. This week our focus will be learning class routines whilst also discussing families and friendship. We do not allow toys in school but do encourage children to bring in items related to the topic for our topic table.

We will be allowing the children to choose a story book for you to share at home. These are books you can read to your child and we hope you will enjoy them together. Later in the term we will send home 'readers' which are our reading books for the children to practise their reading skills. More information will follow on these in due course.

Mrs Clarke will be teaching on Monday to Wednesday and Miss Tonkyn will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Upfold, our amazing teaching assistant will be here every day. Please do not hesitate to ask if you are unsure of anything.

Best wishes,  
The Acorn Team

<b><i>Things to remember</i></b>
<i>Every day – book bag and water bottle</i>
<i>Tuesdays and Wednesdays – come to school in PE kit (not this first week)</i>
<i>During hot weather - Please apply sun screen before school and send in a hat to wear.</i>

