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North Baddesley Junior School

Autumn Term Contact 9

As we come to the end of the half term, we can reflect on what has been a very busy and exciting few weeks!

This week alone has included parents' evening, themed days such as Victorian Day and Stone Age Day, and finished with our exciting Art Day. It has been wonderful to see the children embracing these opportunities and engaging so enthusiastically in their learning.

Last week, the children also took part in the intra-gymnastics festival as part of the school's sports provision. During their PE lessons, they had been learning new skills and practising a routine, which they then had the opportunity to showcase during the festival. It was lovely to see their hard work, confidence and enthusiasm shine through as they demonstrated what they had learned.

We are incredibly proud of all the children and everything they have achieved this half term. We hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved and restful half-term break!



Reminders

NSPCC assembly
2nd November.

New school menu after half term.



Special Menu for 5th November



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Mrs Wildey's Blog

Happy Friday, and the end of Autumn Term One already!?!

Mrs Wildey has been pondering again, this time about my social media algorithm (and not why it isn't filled with reels about cheese - I'll swing back to that another time). No, I find myself being pulled towards some sort of Halloween vortex, filled with perfect pumpkins, trick-or-treat eats and decorations to make the set designers at Warner Bros wobble.

Now, I don't have a vendetta against all things Halloween, but I do have 'beef' with comparison.

You see, our brains are wired to notice what others are doing. Throughout human history, being part of a group mattered, so paying attention to how we fitted in helped us survive. Today, that same instinct can leave us comparing our ordinary Tuesday with someone else's carefully curated Halloween hoopla.

Our smalls are watching how we measure ourselves against the world around us. Perhaps we can show them that we don't have to join in with everything, keep up with everyone or turn every moment into something Instagram-worthy.

So, a little half-term reminder: You can enjoy autumn without a single orange vegetable entering your home. Revolutionary, I know.

By all means, embrace the pumpkins if you fancy it. Make a magnificent mess. But if your half-term doesn't feature a pumpkin at all? You're doing just fine.

Mrs. Wildey





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Dear parents and carers,

As Christmas is approaching, Ms Driver is looking to recruit new members to the school choir to take part in Christmas concerts and events. Christmas is a great time of year to be a singer, and Ms Driver is keen to offer this opportunity to everyone – even if it's just for the half term.

Choir club runs on a Wednesday after school, between 3.20 and 4.20pm. Interested pupils may have the first session (on Weds 4th November) as a 'trial'. If they choose to come along after that, it will be taken as a commitment to attend all further sessions and to take part in Christmas events. If children choose not to carry on with choir after the end of the Christmas term that's fine, but consistent attendance in the lead-up is essential.

Please note that children will be expected to learn words off-by-heart for any choir performances. These will be sent home as a hard copy and will also be made available on Google Classroom. Year 3s are welcome to apply, but places are limited and will be initially allocated to children in Years 4 – 6, as Year 3 have their own carol concert for parents at the end of term.

Please contact Ms Driver via the school office with any queries.



We'd love to hear your thoughts! Please take a few moments to complete our parent survey. Your feedback helps us reflect, grow and make our school even better for all children and families. **Please submit your responses by Friday 13th November.** Thank you for your support.



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Gardening Club

The pumpkins have been picked, and the veggie beds have been almost emptied. Random names pulled from a hat determined where our wonderful pumpkins were rehomed - well done to Sophie. Reuben, Poppy and Lani!

Why not make some pumpkin soup?



chopped white onions and fry until brown. Next in a kilo of cubed pumpkin flesh and fry for another ten minutes or so. Once the pumpkin has softened, add a pint and a bit of vegetable stock, salt, pepper and a pinch of chilli. Boil, then simmer for ten minutes. Tip in a pot of cream then bring to boil a few minutes. Blend and voila! Pumpkin soup!

After half term, we will be sowing our garlic, onion and broad beans. November is the best month to plant tulips, we will be planting our pots up with a range of spring bulbs.

Hedgehogs

Just a reminder- please look out for hedgehogs as they will soon be looking out for places to hibernate. Check bonfires, before lighting.

Have a lovely half term!

Mrs Murphy

House Point Winners for Autumn 1

Well done, Embleywood

1534

1012



1079

1645

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Introducing Our Playground Buddies

We are delighted to announce that Rosie (Year 3), Maisy (Year 4), Willow (Year 5), Eliana and Eliza (Year 6) have been successful in their interviews to become our new Playground Buddies!

They will help make our playground a happy, safe and inclusive place by encouraging friendships, supporting children who may feel lonely and helping everyone feel welcome.

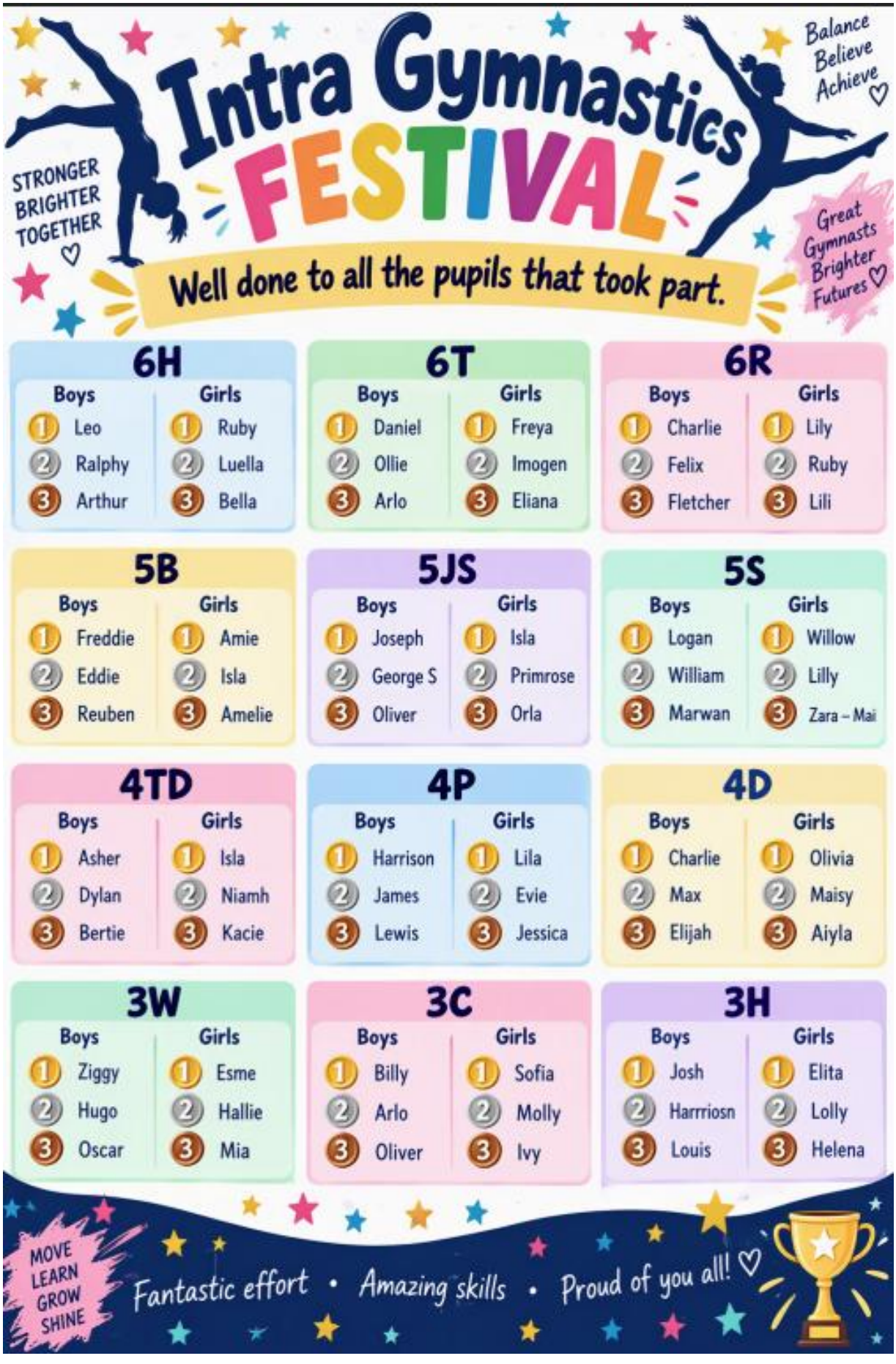
Through their new roles, they will live out our school values of Valuing Others, Respect, Aspiration and Resilience, leading by example, showing kindness and helping every child feel that they belong.

We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to seeing them flourish in their new roles!





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Dates for the diary

Monday 26th Oct – Friday 30th October	✓	✓	✓	✓	HALF TERM
NOVEMBER 2026					
Monday 2nd November	✓	✓	✓	✓	Autumn Term 2 begins
Week beginning 2nd November	✓	✓	✓	✓	Talent Show Lunchtime Auditions for Children in Need. Monday year 6 - 12:30-1:00 Tuesday year 5 - 12:30-1:00 Wednesday year 4 - 12:30-1:00 Thursday year 3- 12:30-1:00 Friday - mop up day for auditions.
Thursday 5th November			✓		Year 5 class assembly 5B to parents (10:20 -10:45.) Please wait near the year 5/6 gate.
Monday 9th November				✓	Year 6 Gilbert White (River Trip) Classes 6R and 6T
Tuesday 10th November				✓	Year 6 Gilbert White (River Trip) Class 6H
Wednesday 11th November	✓	✓	✓	✓	Remembrance Assembly led by school council - children can wear Scout, Cubs, Cadets, Guides or Brownie uniforms.
Thursday 12th November		✓			Year 4 Butser Farm Trip
Thursday 12th November					NEW INTAKE Yr. 2 Parent tours available. Parents to book in for a tour via the school office. (2:00 - 2:30) (2:30 - 3:00)
Thursday 12th November				✓	Year 6 curriculum and SATs information evening (5:00 - 6:00)
Friday 13th November	✓	✓	✓	✓	Parent communication: Autumn attainment and progress reports sent home.
Friday 13th November	✓	✓	✓	✓	Children in Need Talent Show Assembly - no values assembly.
Week beginning 16th November	✓	✓	✓	✓	School led clubs finish this week.
Monday 16th November			✓		Year 5 Sea City Museum
Thursday 19th November			✓		Year 5 class assembly 5S to parents (10:20 -10:45.) Please wait near the year 5/6 gate.
Tuesday 24th November			✓		Titanic Dress up Day
Thursday 26th November	✓	✓	✓	✓	School Disco
Friday 27th November	✓	✓	✓	✓	INSET DAY
Monday 30th November	✓	✓	✓	✓	INSET DAY

Diva Academy

STREET DANCE
After School Club
NORTH BADDESLEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

Join us after half term. Only 3 spaces remaining!

Tuesday's 3.20-4.20pm
6 week course - £39.00



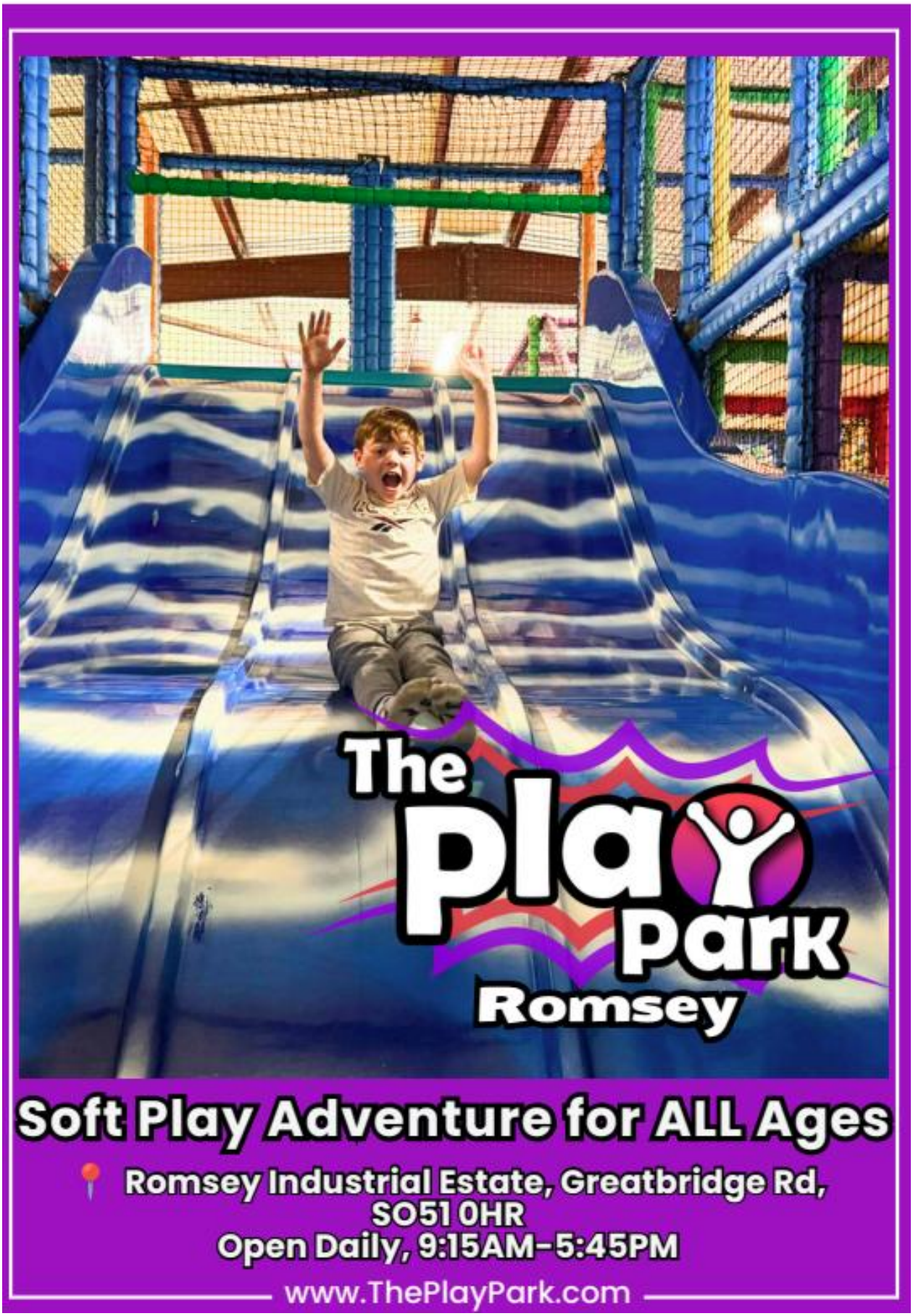
What to expect

- **Expert instruction**
- **Skill development**
- **End of term parent watch**

HOW TO JOIN

To book please scan the QR Code

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