



Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a busy and successful half term, we want to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful things that have happened here at Queensway. The children have worked incredibly hard, showing enthusiasm, kindness, and perseverance in everything they do. It's been a real joy to see them embody our Queensway ethos to include our 'Ready, Safe and Kind' school rules.

Each week, our Stars of the Week have shone brightly — not only through their achievements in learning but also through their positive attitudes and the way they support others. We are so proud of every child who has earned this special recognition, and of all our pupils who continue to make Queensway such a happy and caring place to learn. We look forward to see who will be the Superstars next half term!

This half term has been filled with exciting experiences that have helped bring learning to life. We were thrilled to welcome some very special visitors — real owls! The children were fascinated to learn about these incredible creatures up close. Our Community Open Morning was also a highlight, giving families and friends the chance to see the wonderful work going on in our classrooms. The Forest School session inspire creativity and teamwork outdoors, and of course, the Halloween Disco was a fantastic way to round off the term — full of fun, laughter, and brilliant costumes!

Pumpkin Carving Competition

Following on from our Halloween Disco, the PTA are holding a pumpkin carving competition running over the half term holiday which is free to enter and your child could win a Halloween Hamper! Children can enter between Saturday 25th October and Saturday 1st November by sending pictures of their marvellous pumpkin carving creations to QueenswayPTA@outlook.com. We look forward to seeing your entries!

The Importance of Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything we do at Queensway, and it plays such a vital role in every child's learning journey. All children are sent home with a reading book and a reading record, and we kindly ask that they are heard reading as regularly as possible at home.

Sharing a book together — even for just a few minutes each day — helps children to:

- Recognise and understand new words
- Use their phonic knowledge to decode unfamiliar words
- Develop fluency and confidence in their reading
- And, most importantly, gain a real enjoyment of stories and books

Please remember to record each reading session in your child's reading record so we can celebrate their progress in school. Your support at home makes a huge difference and helps foster a lifelong love of reading.

Anti-Bullying Week – w/c 10th November

Next half term, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week, a national event that helps children understand the importance of kindness, respect, and standing up for one another. The week is designed to raise awareness of what bullying is, how it can affect people, and — most importantly — what we can all do to help prevent it. We will kick-start the week by encouraging our children to wear odd socks to celebrate individuality and raise awareness about bullying, using their socks as a simple yet powerful way to express differences and promote kindness.

At Queensway, we will be exploring the theme through class discussions, stories, and activities that help children recognise the power of kind words and positive choices. We want every child to feel safe, valued, and included in our school community, and Anti-Bullying Week is a great opportunity to remind everyone that together, we can make a difference.

Our message will be simple but strong: **“Bullying has no place at Queensway — kindness always counts.”**

As we look forward to the break, we want to thank you all for your continued support. It makes such a difference to the children and to our whole school community.

We wish all our children and families a happy, safe, and restful half term — and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half-term ahead.

With warmest wishes,



Emily Bevan

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Key Dates

<u>Date & Event</u>	<u>Additional Information</u>
Wednesday 5 th November - PTA Bake Sale	Cakes and baked good will be available for you to buy after school. Any baking contributions would also be welcome.
10 th November – Odd Socks Day!	Please can all children wear odd socks – the brighter and wackier the better!
Tuesday 11 th November – Parents’ Consultation Evening	You will be asked to book a 10-minute slot with your child/ren’s class teacher between 3.30 and 6.30pm - Further information will be sent after half term.
Tuesday 25 th November – Flu Immunisations	You will have received an email to give your consent for this if you wish for your child to participate
Tuesday 25 th November – Forest School session 2	The children will be working with an external agency to take part in ‘Forest School’ activities. Children can wear clothes suitable for the outdoors depending on the weather for that day.
Wednesday 3 rd December	Birch Class will perform their Christmas production to parents
Saturday 6 th December	School Christmas Fair