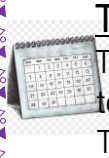
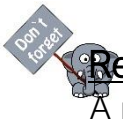
November 2026 Newsletter



Theme Days:

The next theme day will be 'Wear something bright for Bonfire Night'. Children are invited to come to nursery in their brightest, sparkliest and most colourful outfits – like a firework. This will take place on Thursday 5th November, with a voluntary donation going towards our Festive celebrations.



Reception Class Applications:

A reminder that if your child's date of birth is between 01/09/2022 and 31/08/2023 you must apply for their Reception Class School.
School applications are now open and will close on 15th January 2027.
To apply please visit: www.slough.gov.uk/admissions
If you need any help with your application, please book in a time for Sarah in the office to help you.



Last Week of Autumn Term:

Tuesday 15th December

Parents are invited to attend our first ever Nativity. Details including times to follow.

Wednesday 16th December

The children will be enjoying our Christmas Party, and are invited to wear their best party outfits.

Thursday 17th December

Santa and some of his elves will be visiting the children at Nursery. There will be a Winter Wonderland to visit, including some 'snowy' animals, and each child will receive a gift from Santa. This is also the last day of the Autumn term.



Parent Consultations:

The end of term one-to-one parent chat's will be taking place on Thursday 10th December and Friday 11th December (Depending on your child's keyworker). Farhat and Casey's meetings will be on Thursday 10th, and Ana, Mrs Khan and Zaina's meetings will be on Friday 11th December. Invites have been sent out. If you haven't booked a meeting slot, please let Sarah in the office know and she will advise availability. The nursery will be open to the children as normal.



100% Attendance:

Congratulations to the following children who received their certificate for coming to nursery every day and on time during Autumn Term 1:
Sulaiman, Munibah, Mustafa, Sami, Fatima, Dua and Tegh.

Outdoor learning.

At Chalvey Nursery School we believe that every moment is a learning opportunity. We know that children learn through outdoor play whatever the weather, which complements and enhances their indoor learning. The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum, which is dictated by the government, states 'Providers must provide access to an outdoor play area' For this reason, children are able to choose between playing inside and outside for most of the Nursery session regardless of temperature or weather. We will never stop children playing outside because of the weather.

Through outdoor play we aim to:

- Promote good quality, challenging, safe and accessible play for all children.
- Provide well-planned engaging activities, complimenting those indoors.
- Provide an environment to extend and improve children's learning and well-being regardless of the weather.
- Make the most of an environment over which we have little control.
- Fulfil the requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage

The outdoors also provides learning, teaching and caring opportunities where children can:

- Be independent.
- Be inventive and creative.
- Make their own choices and decisions
- Take risks and solve problems
- Learn and play in diverse groupings, which are not always controlled or supported by an adult.
- Develop individual interests and find own boundaries.
- Communicate, co-operate and negotiate with others.
- Experience a sense of adventure, excitement and fun.
- Develop fine and gross-motor skills
- Develop physical skills for supporting emotional wellbeing.
- Develop an appreciation of things seen, touched, smelt and heard.
- Develop a sense of awe and wonder in the natural world.
- Experience the seasons in all their richness.
- Engage in new experiences.

Illness and the outdoors

There is always a concern that if children get wet or play in the cold that they will become ill. This is a myth that many people have grown up with. Research has proven that cold outdoor temperatures and being wet does not put us at any greater risk of getting catching a cold, cough or getting sick. Viruses make us sick. These viruses are more easily transmitted indoors, which is where we tend to spend more time during the colder months and during inclement weather. Studies have shown that children who are active outside have the best overall health. Physical activity gives your immune system a power surge for a full 24 hours. A stronger immune system leads to less illness and less use of antibiotics. Outdoor play helps to stimulate a child's immune system, create healthy sleep patterns, and encourages creative thinking and fundamental movement skills. A rainy play session stimulates the brain by exposing children to sights, sounds, smells, and textures they would not otherwise experience.

A message from the Headteacher:

Welcome back after the half term holidays. It is hard to believe that we are already in November and heading towards the end of the autumn term. The children have settled beautifully into nursery life, building friendships, developing their confidence and learning new skills as they explore, play and learn.

One of our key focuses this term is developing children's independence and the important skills they will need as they prepare for school. These are often the little everyday things that make a big difference. We are encouraging children to recognise their names and find their own pegs, put on and take off their coats, look after their belongings and begin to manage their own clothing. We are also supporting children to change themselves as independently as possible when they have had an accident or become wet during play. These experiences help children develop confidence, resilience and a real sense of achievement.

We would really appreciate parents encouraging these skills at home too. Giving your child time to try putting on their own coat, taking off their shoes. Getting dressed and managing their belongings helps them become more independent. We know it can sometimes be quicker and easier to do these things for them, especially when you're in a hurry, but allowing children to have a go, make mistakes and try again is an important part of their learning. A little patience and encouragement can make a huge difference.

Toilet training is another important part of developing independence. A big thank you to all the parents who have been working hard at home to support their children with this. Being able to recognise when they need the toilet, manage their clothing and develop good hygiene routines are valuable life skills. We would encourage families whose children are still in nappies to begin or continue working towards toilet independence. Our staff are always happy to offer advice and support, and we recognise that some children may need additional time or support with this important milestone.

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please remember to send your child to nursery with a warm, named coat and suitable clothing. We love being outdoors in all weathers, and a little rain certainly doesn't stop our fun!

We have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead, with lots of opportunities for the children to explore, discover and develop their skills through play. Of course, as December approaches, we will also be looking forward to all the excitement and magic that Christmas brings to nursery.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together, we can help our children become happy, confident and increasingly independent learners.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 5th November 2026	Wear Something Bright for Bonfire Night
Thursday 10th December 2026	Parent Consultations – Casey and Farhat
Friday 11th December 2026	Parent Consultations – Ana, Zaina and Mrs Khan
Tuesday 15th December 2026	Christmas Nativity – Parents Invited
Wednesday 16th December 2026	Children's Christmas Party
Thursday 17th December 2026	Santa Visit to Nursery and Last Day of Autumn 2
Friday 18th December 2026	INSET Day
Monday 4th January 2027	Start of Spring 1
Friday 15th January 2027	Deadline for Reception 2027 Applications
Friday 12th February 2027	Last Day of Spring 1
Monday 22nd February 2027	Start of Spring 2
Thursday 25th March 2027	Last Day of Spring 2 – Amended Session Times TBA
Monday 12th April 2027	Start of Summer 1
Friday 16th April 2027	Reception September 2027 Offer Day
Wednesday 28th April 2027	Farm Visit to Nursery
Monday 3rd May 2027	May Day Bank Holiday – Nursery Closed
Friday 28th May 2027	Last Day of Summer 1
Monday 7th June 2027	Start of Summer 2
Wednesday 23rd June 2027	Reptile Visit to Nursery
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Last Day of Summer 2 – Shorter Session Times

The safeguarding of children is of the utmost importance.
If you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Miss Lister – Safeguarding Lead
Miss Hualde – Deputy Safeguarding Lead
Mr Siddiqui – Safeguarding Governor