

# October 2025 Newsletter

The children have been very busy exploring and learning across our nursery and have settled in to the routine of nursery well. They have been indoors and outdoors, where we've been discovering new ways to play and learn in both spaces. The children are learning to play together, share resources and take turns which are all important skills to help them become independent and motivated learners. In the construction area, the children have enjoyed working together to build houses, roads and castles, showing great imagination and talking about what they have made. In the creative area, we have been exploring colour mixing to create our own colours for beautiful autumn leaves, noticing how the colours can change when mix them together.

Out in the garden, the children are observing the changes happening around us as the season change, creating lots of curiosity and talk. We have also started to learn to put our coats on our pegs, and are starting to learn to put them on ourselves.

We've been trying out different ways of mark making to help develop fine motor skills to get us ready for writing using a variety of tools, movements, and surfaces. Through our physical play, the children have been moving objects over, under, and through different spaces, helping us to develop control in our movements and to understand the space around us.

We've begun talking about our families this week and the people who are important to us, helping the children make connections between their nursery experiences and their lives at home. We look forward to learning more about the important people in our lives over the next few weeks.

Over the next month we will be learning about some of the important festivals in our nursery community such as Diwali, Harvest festival and Bonfire night. We look forward to sharing this with you.

## **Theme Days:**

After we celebrate World Animal Day on Friday 3rd October 2025, our 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 Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025, with a voluntary donation going towards our Festive celebrations.

## **Reception Class Applications:**

If your child's date of birth is between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022, now is the time to apply for their Reception Class School.

School applications are now open and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. You must apply before this date!

Only online applications are being accepted. To apply please visit: [www.slough.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.slough.gov.uk/admissions)

If you need help with your application, please let Sarah in the office know, and she'll book in a time to help you.

## **Parent Consultations:**

The end of term parent chat's will be taking place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

As all keyworkers will be meeting with parents on the same day, the nursery will be closed to all children. Booking details to follow soon.

## **Last Week of Autumn Term:**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Parents are invited into nursery for our Christmas "Rhyme Time". The start time for the morning Rhyme Time is 10:30am, and the afternoon Rhyme Time is 2:30pm. Entrance is via the garden gate, which will close at 10.40am and 2.40pm respectively. Please ensure you arrive on time, as late arrivals will not be admitted as it causes disruption for the staff, children and other parents. This will last approx. 30 minutes. Parents of full-time children can choose either time. A reminder will be sent later in the year.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Last day of our Autumn Term and the day of our Christmas Party.

Session times will be adjusted for this day only, and will be:

AM Session: 8.30am to 10.30am

PM Session: 11.00am to 1.00pm

30hrs Session: 8.30am to 2.30pm – or you can pick up at 10.30am or 1.00pm. Please let Sarah in the office know so we can make sure your child is ready.

## **Half Termly Attendance:**

On the last day of each half term, every child that has attended Nursery every day for that half term will get a certificate and a small prize. Of the 73 children currently on our register, we have 28 on track for a 100% prize on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Full Time at Nursery School:**

If you want your child to be considered for a full-time place, if both parents (or one parent of a single-parent family) are working, you can apply for a 'working parent funding code'. This code would allow them to do 8.30am to 2.30pm at our nursery, with the option of buying an extra hour until 3.30pm. If this is something you may be interested in, please speak with Sarah in the school office. Or just search '30 hours funding' and apply.

## **Appropriate Clothing:**

Children need to be wearing clothes which are suitable for lots of activities like climbing, running, rolling, sitting, jumping. Dresses, jeans, shirts, Crocs, flip flops etc. are not suitable for these activities. The children need to be dressed comfortably. Suitable clothing items are tracksuits, leggings, trainers.

Children also need to dress appropriately for the changing weather. We will be going outside WHATEVER the weather. This means if it is raining, your child needs to be wearing a coat.

A reminder – we have Regatta waterproof suits available to purchase from the school office for £10

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

Dates for your diary:

Friday 3rd October 2025	World Animal Day
Friday 24th October 2025	Last Day of Autumn 1
Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2025	Half Term – Nursery Closed
Monday 3rd November 2025	Start of Autumn 2
Wednesday 5th November 2025	Wear Something Bright for Bonfire Night
Wednesday 10th December 2025	Parent Consultations – Details to Follow. Nursery Closed to Children
Wednesday 17th December 2025	Rhyme Time
Thursday 18th December 2025	Santa Visit to Nursery
Friday 19th December 2025	Last Day of Autumn 2 & Christmas Party – Shorter Session Times
Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026	Half Term – Nursery Closed
Monday 5th January 2026	Start of Spring 1
Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th January 2026	INSET Days – Nursery Closed
Wednesday 7th January 2026	All Children Return
Thursday 15th January 2026	Deadline for Reception Applications for September 2026
Friday 13th February 2026	Last Day of Spring 1
Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026	Half Term – Nursery Closed
Monday 23rd February 2026	Start of Spring 2
Friday 27th March 2026	Last Day of Spring 2 – Shorter Session Times
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026	Half Term – Nursery Closed
Monday 13th April 2026	Start of Summer 1
Wednesday 22nd April 2026	Farm Visit to Nursery
Wednesday 13th May 2026	Balance Bikes Activity
Friday 22nd May 2026	Last Day of Summer 1
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026	Half Term – Nursery Closed
Wednesday 17th June 2026	Reptile Visit to Nursery
Monday 1st June 2026	Start of Summer 2
Friday 17th July 2026	Last Day for Children – Shorter Session Times

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