



Nursery Summer Term 2026 Information

Welcome Back! We hope you have all had an exciting and relaxing Easter holidays. We hope your child is excited to be back at Nursery for our Summer Term. We are thrilled with how settled and happy all the children seem to be, but please do speak to us if you have any concerns.

Topic: This half-term, we will be enjoying a topic that has been chosen and planned following the children's interests. We will be thinking about pets - the pets we have and the pets we would like to have. We will also continue to think about Spring and Summer and the changes we see during these seasons.

We will continue having daily phonic inputs where we will be developing the children's listening skills, thinking about rhythm and rhyme, and zipping sounds together to make words (blending - c-a-t, cat), the first step in learning to read, as well as breaking words down using 'robot talking' to segment words into the sounds that make them (cat = c-a-t), the first step in learning to spell. Last term, we introduced the pictures from the Read, Write, Inc. phonics scheme that are associated with each of the letter sounds, to help them become familiar with these (a, apple...b, boot, c, caterpillar, etc...). We will now start to teach the first set of letter sounds during our phonics sessions, following the Read, Write, Inc. Nursery progression. There will be lots of opportunities daily to work on the children's fine motor control including; cutting with scissors, pencil grip and control and strengthening the muscles in our hands and fingers using playdough etc... We will also be providing lots of opportunities for the children to mark-make in their child-initiated learning and encouraging children to continue trying to write their names.

In maths we will be consolidating our number work so far this year, ensuring children are secure with recognising numbers, counting out the correct number of objects to match these numbers and counting beyond 10. We will explore positional language, 2D and 3D shapes and numbers that are 1 more and 1 less than a given number.

In our Jigsaw (Personal, Social and Health Education) lessons, we will be thinking about 'Relationships', focusing on who is in our family, making friends, dealing with conflicts with friends, managing our feelings and working together with our friends.

Routine reminders:

Dropping off at the start of the day: Please remember that our Nursery start time is 9am. Children can be dropped off from 8.55am, unless your child is booked into Breakfast Club. All children need to be in the door and settled by 9am ready to start our first phonics session.

Collecting at the end of the day: Our doors open at 2.55pm for afternoon collection. Please ensure that if someone on your named list is collecting your child after Nursery, that they know your chosen password. Your child's safety is of the utmost importance to us so they will be asked for this.

Clothing: Please ensure all items are named including shoes.

Sunhats and sun-cream: Please ensure your child has a named sunhat at Nursery every day. All children need to have sun-cream applied before they arrive at Nursery. Most sun-creams are water resistant and last at least 8 hours. We will make sure the children do not spend extended periods of time directly in the sun. Please do not send your child with any sun-cream in their bag.

Footwear: During the summer term we will aim to have the climbing tower open as much as possible. If girls wear skirts, they sometimes like to wear shorts underneath. As stated in our risk assessment, children will only be allowed to use the tower if they are wearing suitable footwear. Children wearing open-toed sandals, Crocs or welly boots will not be able to use the tower as these shoes do not provide enough grip and are not permitted footwear at Nursery.

Book Bags: All children in Nursery have a book bag. Please encourage them to bring their book bag each day in order to put their letters and creations inside. Please do not send any other bags such as rucksacks. We try to limit the amount of things coming into Nursery from home and we simply don't have room for the children to bring and store rucksacks every day. We will continue to support the children with choosing two books each week to bring home and share with you. Please ensure all books are returned to Nursery. If you find you have a book which is damaged, please hand it to a member of staff so that we can throw it away and replace it. No child gets excited or enthusiastic about a book which is torn or damaged!

Outdoor Classroom: Our 'Little Explorer' sessions will continue this term, will start this week, and will be on a Thursday until May half term.

Water Bottles: Over the Summer Term we will really be focussing on developing the children's independence, including encouraging them to recognise when they are hungry and thirsty. Children need to continue to bring in water bottles which are saved for lunchtime. During the day, children will have access to a water station where they can access cups and jugs of water/ the water dispenser. They will be frequently reminded and encouraged to go and pour themselves a drink. This will also develop their strength and control when lifting and pouring from jugs. In addition to this, on selected mornings we will operate a 'snack cafe' (as opposed to all having snack at the same time during our group-time). During the morning we will open the 'snack cafe' and children will be encouraged to come and get themselves a drink (milk or water) and fruit, when they feel hungry and thirsty. They will need to wash their hands first, post their name card into the postbox to say they have come for their turn, and then sit and drink/eat their chosen drink and snack in the snack cafe. The name card system will ensure that we can check all children stop at some point to come and have their drink and fruit. The cafe will be manned by an adult who will support hygiene, name recognition, selection, and that children are safe when eating, etc... They may have juice in their lunchbox but no fizzy drinks.

Packed Lunches: We have multiple nut allergies in Nursery so we ask that no children have nuts or nut based snacks/spreads in their lunchboxes. We are a healthy school and ask that children do not bring in chocolates or sweets for lunch.

Toys: **We ask that toys/valuables are not brought in to school**, unless by prior arrangement with a member of staff.

Important Dates this half term:

Monday 20th April - Children return to Nursery

Every Thursday morning until May half-term - Little Explorer sessions

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 18th May - Stay and Play session from 2.30-3pm for all children attending the Monday afternoon session

Friday 22nd May - Children break up for the May half-term (1 week)

Monday 1st June - Children return to Nursery

Every Tuesday morning until the summer holidays - Little Explorer sessions

Monday 15th June - Morning - Sports Day - 9.15am

Monday 22nd June - Morning - Reserve Sports Day - 9.15am

Saturday 11th July - Littletown Summer Fete

Thursday 16th July - Stay and Play session from 2.30-3pm for all children attending the Thursday afternoon session

Tuesday 21st July - End of Year Nursery Party (Further details to follow)

Friday 24th July - Last day of term