



Nursery Newsletter: April 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Upcoming Nursery Events

Thursday 2nd April: Easter event day. Activities will be taking place in the rooms to celebrate Easter.

Friday 3rd and Monday 6th April: Nursery closed to all children for Easter Bank Holidays.

Tuesday 14th April: National Gardening Day. We will be planting seeds and digging in the sensory garden.

Wednesday 15th April: World Art Day: We will be spending the day focussed on art and craft activities.

If your child attends on these last 2 event days, please remember to send them in clothes that can get very messy and muddy!

May Holidays

We are closed to all children on Monday 4th and Monday 25th May for the Bank Holidays.

Children on a 38-week term time package are not in nursery for the week of 25th May.

Screen Time and Online Safety

The government have just published some research and recommendations regarding children's screen time which can be viewed at <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>

Key messages are:

- Under 2s: Avoiding screen time other than for shared activities that encourage bonding, interaction and conversation.
- 2 to 5-year-olds: Trying to keep it to no more than one hour a day. Avoid at mealtimes and in the hour before bed.
- Content: Choosing slow-paced, age-appropriate content. Fast-paced, social media-style videos and AI toys or tools should be avoided for young children.
- Co-viewing: Watching or using screens together - talking, asking questions and engaging with the content - is better for children's development than solo screen use.
- Safe viewing: Ensure that you have adequate parental controls applied to prevent children viewing inappropriate content, details on how to do this can be found at <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/parental-controls/>

Togetherness

Would you like to learn about your child's development and build your confidence in parenting? Would you like to have confident, emotionally intelligent children? Do you want more support with sleep routines, toilet training or for children with additional needs? If so, the Togetherness online course will take you on a learning journey for understanding childhood development, behaviour, and wellbeing in bitesize modules to help build connected relationships and resilience for everyday parenting.

Visit <https://togetherness.co.uk/learn/> to find out more. Register using the access code MARKEATON for free access.

The courses come in a variety of languages (through the filter pathways option), so you don't have to learn in English if that is not your preferred language. Do come and ask for more information about this if you are interested or want help getting started.

School Confirmations

If your child is due to start Reception in September, you will find out the school you have been allocated on 16th April. Please can you let the office know which school it is so we can liaise with them to help your child have the best transition at this important stage of their life.

Kind regards,

Carol, Jodie and Seren