



Nursery Newsletter: May 2026

Our passion, their future

Dear Parents/Carers,

Upcoming Nursery Events

Friday 15th May: International Day of Families. On this day we will be looking at how the world is made up of all types of people and families and celebrating our home cultures. We would love for children who attend on a Friday to come dressed either in their home culture traditional clothes or the colours of their nation's flag.

Wednesday 27th May: Eid ul Adha. On this day we will be thinking about sharing with others. We will be eating samosas and pakoras and designing Mendhi patterns.

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.

Sun Hats and Cream

As we are now having some much needed warmer weather, please can you ensure that we have a sun hat and some sun cream for your child to keep in nursery for the summer. Hats should preferably be of legionnaire style or brimmed with shade for the face and neck. Sun cream should be factor 50+.

Sun cream should be applied before your child comes to nursery each day. Staff will 'top up' cream again before we go out in the afternoon.

Healthy Beginnings

A new Derbyshire-wide campaign is launching to help parents-to-be access clear, trusted and up-to-date information about having a healthy pregnancy, bringing together practical guidance, expert advice and local services for anyone planning a family or already expecting a baby. The campaign highlights how small steps before and during pregnancy can make a big difference to a baby's long-term health.

This includes support on maintaining a healthy weight, taking folic acid, stopping smoking, reducing alcohol, being up to date with vaccinations, and managing long-term conditions. It also shares tips on nutrition, exercise and emotional wellbeing.

Parents-to-be can find:

- Advice from NHS and maternity experts
- Tips on staying healthy and active during pregnancy
- Practical guidance on preparing for pregnancy and birth

Learn more at <https://joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/healthybeginnings/>

Starting School

If your child is starting school in September, you will now have been told which school you have been allocated. Please make sure that you have informed us of your allocated school so that we can liaise with them to help your child settle easily into the next stage of their educational journey.

You will find several guides to help you prepare for this transition at <https://startingreception.co.uk> including ideas for practicing essential skills such as toothbrushing and toilet training.

Term Dates for Next Academic Year

For those families who will still be with us in September, the term dates for the next academic year are below. If your child attends on a 38-week term time only package, they will only attend during these times. If your child attends on a 47.5-week package, they will not attend during the Christmas break (end of Autumn term), the first week of the Easter break (end of Spring term), and the first 2 weeks of August.

Please remember that because we do not close for INSET days, our Summer term ends before schools.

Autumn Term

Monday 7th September to Friday 23rd October

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December.

Spring Term

Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February.

Monday 22nd February to Thursday 25th March.

Summer Term

Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May.

Monday 7th June to Friday 16th July.

Staff Hellos and Goodbyes

This month we are saying goodbye to Charlotte, who will not be returning from her maternity leave, and to Jojo. We wish them both all the best for the future. Carol will again be the SENDCO in the nursery.

We are welcoming back both Nosheela, as she returns from her maternity leave, and Jana.

Kind regards,

Carol, Jodie and Seren