



Nursery Newsletter: November 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Upcoming Nursery Events

Friday 6th November: Remembrance Day. We will be talking with the children about service personnel who keep us safe. If your child will be wearing a poppy at nursery, please ensure this is not secured with a pin or other sharp item.

Week of 9th November: Nursery Rhyme Week. Across the week we will be focussing on different nursery rhymes and using these to support learning in all 7 areas of the curriculum. Keep an eye on the Family newsfeed to see our focus rhyme each day.

Week of 7th December: Advance notice of Grandparents' Week where you can book a 30-minute timeslot for a grandparent (or other relative) to come into the nursery to take part in a craft activity with your child. Booking will open from 16th November.

Pre-School Christmas Activities

We will be inviting all of Pre-School to a Christmas party at nursery 2:15 to 4:15pm on Tuesday 15th December. We then have our annual 'Carols Around the Christmas Tree' for families at Littleover Social Club on Thursday 17th December at 2:30pm. Tickets for this event will be on sale from 30th November at a cost of 50p each to help cover room hire. Both events are for all children who are in Pre-School whether or not they usually attend on these days. For both events children are welcome to wear party clothes/Christmas jumpers.

Library Membership

All children have been given a library card and application form to become a member of your local Derby City library, as part of our commitment to supporting the national Year of Reading. It is free for children to join the library; they can take out up to 10 books at a time and they do not get charged fines for overdue books. Please do take your child along to help them to develop their love of reading.

Learning Journeys

From 2nd November all children in Babies and Tweenies will have all their observations added to Family only. If your child has been having observations on Tapestry and you would like a copy of their Learning Journey so far printed out or a PDF placed on a memory stick (provided by parent) please contact the office.

All children currently in Toddlers will move over to Family from 4th January. Current Pre-School children will continue to use Tapestry until they leave in the summer.

Winter Menu

We are now moving on to our winter menu, details of which can be found on the website and on Family. We have now created different menus for all our children who do not eat the main

option, for example dairy free and vegetarian. This will make it easier for parents of children on different diets to see exactly what they have been served each day. Do let us know if your child has not been allocated to the option you think they should be on!

Refer a Friend Discount

We are still offering a 10% reduction in fees (on top of any current discounts) to any family who refers a friend or relative to the setting. Once they have registered and completed 3 months with us, your 10% discount will be added to your next 3 months' invoices. Please make sure that they inform us that they have been referred by you when registering.

Starting School in September 2027

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, they are due to start school in September 2027. Whilst this still feels a long way away, the application window opens on 1st November for children living in Derby City, and from 9th November for those living in Derbyshire, and closes for both authorities on 15th January. You must apply to schools via the correct authority based on your home address, regardless of which schools you are applying to. Please do not apply late as your application will not be looked at until all others have been allocated, so it would be very unlikely that you would get your first choice of school even if you have other children already there. Please make sure that you have taken the letter from Derby City Authority about this from your child's tray.

Safeguarding Leads

To help keep the children safe at nursery and at home the management team and room leaders have all taken additional training to become Designated Safeguarding Leads. Carol is the main lead (DSL) in the nursery, but in her absence Seren, Chelsea, Ahmreen and Ruby can all be contacted should you have any safeguarding concerns about your own or another child.

Kind regards,

Carol and Seren