

Newsletter

March 2025

Throughout February we focussed on celebrations and here are some of the highlights from each room:

Baby Room

We celebrated Teddy bear day with a picnic whilst cuddling our bears and singing songs. We made painted plant pot valentines cards for our loved ones and took part in national storytelling week with lots of sensory and pop-up books.

Toddler Room

We made handprint roses and cards for Valentines day. We enjoyed lots of stories for storytelling week and had a Teddy bears picnic. We also enjoyed our first yoga session, which was lots of fun.

Pre-School

We started February by celebrating storytelling week with lots of storytelling sessions and sharing our favourite books. The children enjoyed this and so we developed the idea further and incorporated puppet shows, story themed tuff trays and even building houses for the three little pigs, using different materials.

During week two we celebrated Pizza Day by making our own delicious pizzas for tea. We also made some valentines crafts and cards.

Week three was focussed on a celebration of languages and different cultures within the nursery. The children created 'We all belong' artwork, showing their appreciation for their friends and families.

We ended the month with a celebration of our pets. This involved lots of lovely role play activities, with the children opening a pet shop and vet practice in the home corner.

Forest School

We are pleased to confirm that Forest School sessions will resume for the children in pre-school from 17th March. The children will again be put into groups A and B and each group will attend Forest School once a month. We will display the group list in pre-school and send this out in a parentmail as soon as possible so that you know which day your child will be attending.

Looking Forward: Our topic for March is: Science

New garden equipment

You may have noticed the new mud kitchen, water play station and new tricycles for the garden. The children in pre-school have been involved in deciding what equipment should be ordered and they chose some foam bricks and ball games, which are on the way. A few children expressed an interest in trucks and so we will look into how we can incorporate these

more. The planting areas are being prepared for the new growing season too and the children are going to be growing some edible crops over the spring and summer.

World Book Day

A reminder that we will be celebrating world book day this Thursday 6th March. Children are invited to come to nursery dressed as a character from a children's book and/or bring in a book to share with the group. Please ensure all items are named so that we can return these safely.

Red Nose Day

This takes place on Friday 21st March and as always, we will do our best to get involved in raising money for this cause. We invite all children and staff to come to nursery dressed in red and we will have a danceathon. We have set up a just giving page for donations to Comic Relief:

[rubadubs nursery is fundraising for Comic Relief](#)

Easter Holidays

Please could you let us know if you have a holiday planned for before or after the Easter break? As we are closed for three days, I imagine that many of you will have used the opportunity for a holiday and it would be really useful to know so that we can plan staffing levels accordingly.

Use of car park

If you drive when dropping off or collecting your child, feel free to use the available space at the front of the car park.

Please do not park across the entrance to the car park, blocking other parents and staff from leaving.

Before 9am and after 5pm, it is free to park along David's Road and so there should be plenty of parking if the carpark is in use.

2025 Dates for your diary

- Thursday 6th March – World book day
- Friday 21st March – Red nose day fundraising
- Wednesday 16th April – Primary school offer day
- Thursday 17th April – First Aid training, nursery closed.
- Friday 18th April – Good Friday, nursery closed.
- Monday 21st April – Easter Monday, nursery closed.
- Wednesday 23rd April – Pre-school transition parents evening 5pm

- Monday 5th May – May bank holiday, nursery closed.
- Wednesday 14th May – Keeping it REAL literacy session 2, 5:30pm
- Thursday 22nd May – School readiness meeting 5pm
- Monday 26th May – Spring bank holiday, nursery closed.
- Monday 25th August – Summer bank holiday, nursery closed.
- Monday 1st September – Team building day, nursery closed.
- Wednesday 24th December – Early closure for Christmas
- Thursday 25th December to Thursday 1st January 2026 (inclusive) – Christmas closure.

Menus

January – April 2025

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water
Lunch Cheesy broccoli pasta with salad Rice pudding Fresh fruit	Lunch Cottage pie with broccoli and carrots Selection of fresh fruit	Lunch Butter chicken with rice, carrots and cabbage Seasonal poached fruit and custard Fresh fruit	Lunch Beef casserole with boiled potato, carrots and broccoli Selection of fresh fruit	Lunch Jacket Potato with cheese and baked beans Semolina pudding Fresh fruit
Tea Seasonal vegetable soup with buttered crackers Fresh fruit	Tea Cheesy pita with cucumber sticks Fresh Fruit	Tea Leek and potato soup with bread and butter Fresh fruit	Tea Butternut squash and sweet potato risotto Fresh fruit	Tea Pasta in tomato and basil sauce Fresh fruit

Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water
Lunch Tuna pasta bake with salad Semolina pudding Fresh fruit	Lunch Minced beef with couscous, peas and carrots Selection of fresh fruit	Lunch Chicken casserole with rice, carrots and cabbage Seasonal poached fruit and custard Fresh fruit	Lunch Spaghetti bolognese with salad Selection of fresh fruit	Lunch Fish cakes with spaghetti, bread and butter Selection of Fresh fruit
Tea Vegetable risotto Fresh fruit	Tea Baked beans on toast Fresh Fruit	Tea Selection of sandwiches Fresh fruit	Tea Seasonal vegetable soup with buttered crackers Fresh fruit	Tea Rice pudding Fresh fruit

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	Breakfast Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water
Lunch Macaroni cheese with salad Poached fruit and custard	Lunch Chicken curry with rice, broccoli and carrots Selection of Fresh Fruit	Lunch Vegetarian sausages with creamed potatoes, gravy and mixed vegetables Selection of Fresh Fruit	Lunch Hidden vegetable pasta with salad Banana and custard	Lunch Fish fingers with potato wedges, peas and sweetcorn Semolina pudding Selection of fruit
Tea Leek and potato soup with bread sticks Fresh fruit	Tea Cream cheese wraps with cherry tomatoes Fresh fruit	Tea Rice pudding Fresh fruit	Tea Butternut squash and sweet potato soup with buttered crackers Fresh fruit	Tea Beans on toast Fresh fruit

Week 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Breakfast</u> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<u>Breakfast</u> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<u>Breakfast</u> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<u>Breakfast</u> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water	<u>Breakfast</u> Porridge or Cereal Toast Milk/Water
<u>Lunch</u> Creamy broccoli pasta with salad. Selection of fresh fruit	<u>Lunch</u> Beef hot pot with rice, carrots and broccoli Banana and custard Fresh fruit	<u>Lunch</u> Tuna pasta bake with salad Semolina pudding Fresh fruit	<u>Lunch</u> Beef casserole with rice, carrots and cabbage Selection of fresh fruit	<u>Lunch</u> Fish Pie with mixed vegetables Rice pudding Fresh fruit
<u>Tea</u> Mix vegetable couscous Fresh fruit	<u>Tea</u> Selection of sandwiches Fresh fruits	<u>Tea</u> Butternut squash and sweet potato risotto	<u>Tea</u> Veggie nuggets and beans Fresh fruit	<u>Tea</u> Sweet potato and carrot soup with bread and butter Fresh Fruit