



SUMMER 2-2023

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your diary

JULY

- 21st - Break up for the summer holiday (last day of nursery provision for all children)
- 24th - Leavers' graduation day/fun day - (Cannon Hill Park) 10am-12noon
- 25th - Home visits (new starters)
- 26th Jul- 3rd Sep—SUMMER HOLIDAY

SEPTEMBER

- 4th - STAFF TRAINING DAY
- 5th & 6th - Home visits (new starters)
- 7th & 8th - Stay and play sessions for all children
- 11th - Back to school (Autumn 1)
- 15th - STAFF TRAINING DAY (closed to chn)
- 27th - Tapestry parental workshop

OCTOBER

- 4th - Prewriting parental workshop
- 25th - Oral health parental workshop.
- 27th - Break up for the half term holiday
- WB 30th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)

NOVEMBER

- 6th - Back to school (Autumn 2)
- 17th - Children in Need

DECEMBER

- 22nd - Break up for Christmas holiday
- WB 25th - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (2 WEEKS)

JANUARY

- 8th - Back to school (Spring 1)

FEBRUARY

- 9th - Break up for the half term holiday
- WB 12th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)
- 19th - STAFF TRAINING DAY
- 20th - Back to school (Spring 2)

MARCH

- 21st - Break up for Easter holiday
- 22nd—STAFF TRAINING DAY
- WB 25th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (2 weeks)

APRIL

- 8TH - Back to school (Summer 1)

MAY

- 24th - Break up for the half term holiday
- WB 27th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)

JUNE

- 3rd - Back to school (Summer 2)

JULY

- 19th - Last day of term
- 22nd - STAFF TRAINING DAY



Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is quite unbelievable that we have come to the end of the academic year. Doesn't time fly when you're having fun—as they say! The summer term has been a particularly lovely one: seeing lots of the children in little nursery develop even more confidence, and lots of the children in big nursery mature both individually and within their friendship groups. We definitely have a group of children ready to spread their wings and head off to primary school.

Here are some of the children's feelings about leaving Jakeman and what they will miss the most:

"Playing with my friends and playing with the playdough".

"I like the blocks and tidying up. I like making yogurt with my teachers".

"I like playing with blocks and eating toast. I like to tidy up. I like to play with clay and make caterpillars in the clay. I play with dollies but my favourite thing is to play in the garden on the climbing frame."

"I like picking flowers with my friends in the garden. I like making stuff. I even like mixing pasta and sometimes I like being a shopkeeper."

"I feel happy at nursery because I play with my friends. I like painting and blocks. I like my teachers."

"Teachers give me storybooks for when I go home. I feel sad for big school because I like small school".

For those that are leaving, please know that the children become part of the Jakeman family during their time here and will be missed so very much—please do come back to say hello when you can! For those that are returning, we will see you eager and ready to learn in September.

It has been my absolute privilege being the Head Teacher at Jakeman this year and working alongside such a fantastic, dedicated staff team.

I wish you all a lovely summer break. Remember making the happiest of memories often comes as a result of doing the things that come free in life: a little bit of dedicated time, playing together and being in the great outdoors.

Thank you parents for your continued support.

Sam



Family time is the best time.

Carmelo Anthony



SAYING GOODBYE TO VICKY!

We know many of you will be saddened to learn that Vicky Brennan—our Office Manager - is leaving us from September. We're extremely proud of her as she is progressing in her career and moving onto pastures new.

We wish Vicky all the best; her new school is very lucky to have her. Thank you, Vicky, for everything you've done for the Jakeman community over the years, we'll miss you and your huge smile lots!



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AUTUMN 1 CURRICULUM FOCUS



Our curriculum focus, particularly in the first part of the autumn term, will be centred around children's Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED) - focusing on *secure* transition for all children. It can feel like a new beginning after the summer holiday, even for our returning children. Building *secure* relationships with adults and peers, settling in to the routine and feeling *secure* in the environment are all such important aspects to develop to enable children to access the full curriculum. The full curriculum that we have designed and follow at Jakeman can be found on the website here: <https://www.jakeman.bham.sch.uk/Page/Detail/curriculum-and-pedagogy-at-jakeman>

During the autumn term, there will also be a high focus on keeping ourselves healthy, with a particular emphasis on oral health.



Executive Head Teacher: Samantha Richards
Senior Nursery Manager: Janine Maidment
Teacher: Jason Lee
Office Manager: Vicky Brennan (TBC from 01.09.23)
Office Admin Assistant: Amna Bibi
Nursery Practitioners:
Kaneez Rafique, Naz Ali, Sabah Kabir, Shazeha Akhtar,
Farkhanda Jabeen & Shazia Badaruddin

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance since September	
	Attendance %
Big nursery	80.7%
Little nursery	76.7%
All	79.8%
Attendance summer 2 (this half term)	
	Attendance %
Big nursery	82.7%
Little nursery	79.1%
All	81.1%

We continue to see very slight improvements in attendance. We are so pleased because we can only teach our intended curriculum to children when they are in nursery.

Our aspiration is to get to 90% attendance next year. We appreciate our ongoing collaborative work and commitment - as school and parents together - in trying to maximise educational achievement for children.

RRSA links:

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
Article 3: best interests of the child

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If the phone is engaged, please leave a message.

NATIONAL EDUCATION NATURE PARK PROJECT

Since starting this project, we have been exploring our outdoor environment to:

- look at habitats and where creatures live
- experiment with creating a home for a creature, thinking about the environment they like and why
- consider different shapes and sizes of various natural objects, such as leaves, stones, sticks and trees
- learn about orienteering and early mapping skills
- appreciate the fruit and vegetables we grow in our garden and how we can harvest and eat them (sustainability)



We are very excited to build on this exploration next year with our children, to continue learning how to look after our environment in the most sustainable way.

We're a National Education
Nature Park pilot school

nhm.ac.uk/education-nature-park



STARTWELL SUMMER CHALLENGE



Startwell
Being active, eating well, achieving more.

Summer Challenge

6 Weeks
6 Challenges

...are you ready for the Startwell Summer Challenge?

Physical Challenges Food Challenges

Startwell have created a fun 6 week summer challenge which has a food and physical challenge for each week of the summer holidays. The challenges all link in the Startwell characters and messages, and should be easy to complete at home.

You can find the full challenge here: <https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/The-Startwell-Summer-Challenge-2023.pdf> A simplified, visual version can be found on the final page of this newsletter.

JASON'S SUMMER CHALLENGE 1

To visit a wildlife area (or more than one if possible) where the children are likely to find bugs.

In the locality: Cannon Hill Park, Calthorpe Park, etc.

Can children tick off as many bugs and insects as they can find? Bug hunt sheets will be giving out before the children break up on Friday.



JASON'S SUMMER CHALLENGE 2

Every day, can you encourage your child/children to engage in a 'wake up - shake up' activity, following videos such as 'Koo Koo Kangaroo' (dancing) to keep them active with a raised heartrate for at least 10 minutes.



EID CELEBRATION THANK YOU

Thank you for joining us in celebrating Eid al-Adha. The harmonious spirit of community was on full display as parents, children and staff all joined together for this wonderful occasion.

The conversations shared and the memories created were a testament to what a wonderful community we have at Jakeman. Thank you.

Jason

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TOGETHER



LEAVERS' GRADUATION REMINDER

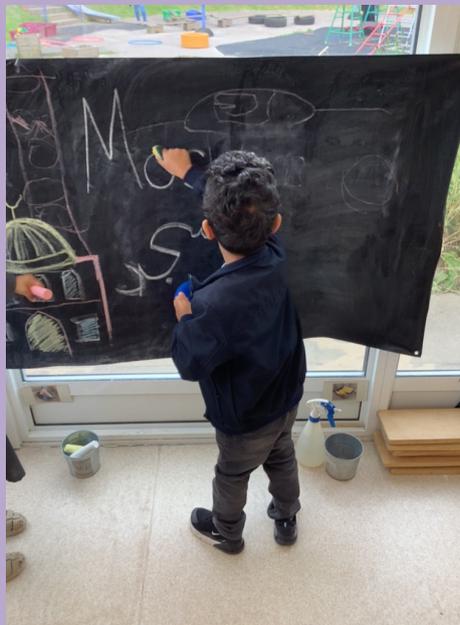
WHAT: Graduation event **WHERE:** Cannon Hill Park

WHEN: Monday 24th July 2023 **TIME:** 10am - 12

WHO: Children leaving in July to go to school and their families to celebrate with them

*Come and join us to give the children a special Jakeman goodbye! (*gift to be handed out on the day)*





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Physical Challenges

Food Challenges

1. World Athletics Championships



Week 1

1. Make a fruit rainbow!



2. Crazy Cricket



Week 2



2. Role play food shop



3. Den Making

Week 3

3. Food Science



4. Go Golf Crazy



Week 4



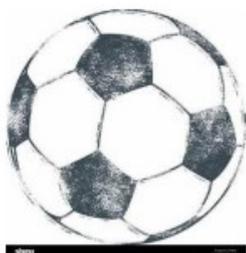
4. Grow your own food

5. Summer walk



Week 5

5. Food Hunt



6. Football Fun

Week 6



6. Find, read and get active with food based stories