



SUMMER 1 – 2024

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your diary



DATES FOR
YOUR DIARY

MAY

24th - Break up for the half term holiday

WB 27th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)

JUNE

3rd - Back to school (Summer 2)

3rd-9th - CAPT: Child Safety Week 2024

WB 10th—Parent consultation meetings

19th - Eid celebration event 10:30-13:30

21st - Nursery & family trip to Twycross Zoo

JULY

18th - Last day of provision for all children

19th—Graduation event for leavers

(@Cannon Hill Park weather permitting)

22nd - STAFF TRAINING DAY

SEPTEMBER

2nd & 3rd - STAFF TRAINING DAYS x2

4th - Home visits

5th - Stay and Play for new children (09:30-11:00)

6th - Stay and Play for returning children (AM & PM)

9th - Usual nursery sessions start (Autumn1)

11th - New starters begin

OCTOBER

24th - Break up for the half term holiday

25th - STAFF TRAINING DAY

WB 28th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)

NOVEMBER

4th - Back to nursery (Autumn 2)

Executive Head Teacher: Sam Richards

Nursery Manager: Janine Maidment

SENCO: Gail Goldberg

Teacher: Jason Lee

Office Manager: Amna Bibi

Admin Assistant: Shabnam Hussain

Nursery Practitioners: Kaneez Rafique, Naz Ali, Shazeha Akhtar, Farkhanda Jabeen (Faiza), Sabah Kabir & Shazia Badaruddin

Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our half-termly newsletter if you are new to Jakeman just this term. It has been a very busy term; we are bustling with children and there is always a lovely buzz of the sound of children chatting and playing together. The summer term is always jam-packed with events so please do jot down any dates (to the left).

Nursery photos

We welcomed Hardy's School Photography team in last week and we are certain they captured some lovely pictures of the children. They have informed us that the proofs will be with us shortly after we return from the 1 week school holiday. There will be instructions on how you can order prints, should you want to.

Birmingham transition day for school leavers

Wednesday 3rd July is Birmingham transition day. On this day, most children who are attending school (Reception class) in September will attend their new school for the morning. Please let us know if you are unsure about this or need any help communicating with the school.

Staffing

You will have met Shabnam (known as Shabs) by now, but we'd like to formally welcome her to the Jakeman team. Shabs started with us in April and is our Administration Assistant who is based in the front office and greets you everyday.

We'd also like to share with you that our lovely Sabah became a mummy on 3rd April to a gorgeous baby boy, called Zakariya (2 photos to the right).

RRSA

As you know, Jakeman holds gold award as a Rights Respecting School. This was awarded in June 2021, so we are having a reaccreditation assessment on Weds 5th June. We will have a visitor in nursery that day to look at how our setting teaches and promotes the rights of the child. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. Have a lovely week, whatever you have in store. *Sam*



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Storytime is
not for
sitting
quietly. It's
for bringing
stories to life
in a whole
new way

Anonymous

Reminder - you can find our fortnightly home learning that ties in with our focus in nursery, including where we link a particular rights respecting article (from UNICEF's Convention on the Rights of the Child) to our learning for those 2 weeks. This can be discussed and embedded at home. <https://www.grclands.bham.sch.uk/page/detail/fortnightly-rhyme-makaton-sign-and-rights-respecting-article>

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD
RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Children's rights are learned, understood
and lived in this school.



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SUMMER 1 CURRICULUM FOCUS



What have we done summer 1?

As promised at the end of last half term, the musicality that the children demonstrated before Easter has continued to be a huge focus for us. Children have experimented and explored the various ways that each instrument can be played. For example, scratching the skin of the drum and using their palm to play a beat on the ukulele in between strumming the strings. We have also introduced the idea of a conductor as somebody who controls the flow of the music. Children have then taken it in turns to tell children when to 'stop', 'go' or whether to play faster or slower. This has helped to produce an increasingly cooperative approach to playing instruments and it shall not be long before the children are able to form their own bands, beginning to deliver some highly anticipated performances!

To compliment and inspire our little musicians, we have also been using an ever-increasing diverse soundtrack to their day. Pop, gospel, reggae and rock has demonstrated that music can make us feel lots of different emotions and, just like our children, can amaze and wow in their own individual way.

Focus for summer 2:

For big nursery, it's that time of year already and transition is on the minds of all. We will be talking to the children over the last part of the summer about the inevitable move to school and how this is making the children feel. Discussions around the change of environment, teachers and friends will all take place using the book 'The Colour Monster Goes to School'. Although we will miss each and every child, it's important to remember that this is an exciting time of their lives full of endless possibilities!

In regards to the skills for all of our children, we will be consolidating and refining all that they have learnt over the past year to ensure that they are both embedded and thoroughly mastered. Mark making for all purposes (lists, signs, recipes etc.), showing resilience and perseverance in the face of challenge and using a comfortable grip with good control when holding pens and pencils are key to preparing children for school, fully equipped and ready to shine.

Jason

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance this half term (summer 1)

	Attendance %
Big nursery	79.2%
Little nursery	75.8%
All	77.4% (down by almost 3% from last half term)

Our aspiration continues to be to reach 90% attendance.

There are some useful tips for parents at the following link, presented in written form and in video form



[Improving School Attendance | SSS Learning](#)

RRSA links:

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child links =

Article 3: best interests of the child

Article 28: right to an education

Attendance this year to date

	Attendance %
Big nursery	81%
Little nursery	77%
All	79.1%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone nursery or leave us a message with the reason.

BOOKTRUST RESEARCH STATISTICS

BookTrust research finds that families overwhelmingly see reading with their child as important - but need more support to make it happen.

20% of families said they don't read to their children because of a lack of time, while 28% said they don't find it easy. Shared reading also supports bonding between children and their parents, carers or other family members; boosts parental positivity; and improves children's sleep.

★ **95%**
of parents and carers **see reading as important** for their child

🎂 **77%**
of families start sharing books with their child **before their first birthday**

👤 **28%**
of parents and carers **don't find reading with their child easy**

📖 **21%**
of parents and carers **don't feel confident choosing books** that their child will enjoy

🕒 **20%**
of parents and carers say they don't read with their child due to **a lack of time**



Startwell



LATEST STARTWELL BLOG: ICELOLLIES AND ORAL HEALTH (15.05.2024)

Did you know ice lollies are not recommended for young children? Even lower sugar versions still contain sugar and the sucking action when consuming ice lollies means the sugar will be in contact with the teeth for a long time. The longer sugar is washing over the teeth, the more harmful it is to teeth and the greater chance of tooth decay. In Birmingham **33.7%** of 5-year old children surveyed in 2022 had experience of enamel and/or dentinal decay. This is higher than the West Midlands region and England. It is important that you supervise tooth brushing up to 7 years of age.



I'm Smiley Shen and I encourage children to keep their teeth clean and healthy, by limiting sugary food and drink.

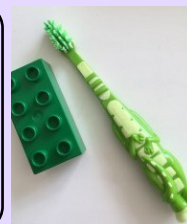
Smiley Shen says...

- ♦ Brush your teeth for two minutes, twice a day using a fluoride-containing toothpaste, from 6 months of age.
- ♦ Don't forget to visit the dentist regularly. Watch out for sugary foods and drinks and use age appropriate drinking vessels!

Free flow beakers:



<https://startwell-birmingham.co.uk/bottle-to-cup/>



Activity for home:
Children can practice brushing teeth with a toothbrush on Duplo.
For extra fun, do this in the bath!

SPARKBROOK CHILDREN'S ZONE—DROP IN HEALTH APPOINTMENTS FOR CHILDREN

If children are registered at one of the 8 GP surgeries in the Sparkbrook Children's Zone, parents or schools can phone and arrange to make an appointment for the child. Parents **DO NOT** have to go through their GP to access these appointments. Paediatric GP and Nurse available for children and young people age 0 to 16.

The particular area of medical expertise for appointments available are:

- ♦ Constipation
- ♦ Eczema
- ♦ Growth concerns
- ♦ Asthma

Other information:

- ⇒ Early Help also available for the whole family.
- ⇒ They will not diagnose autism but can support the medical and social needs of children who have suspected or diagnosed autism
- ⇒ They do not aim to follow up long term

Clinic is available for children age 0 to 16:
MONDAY at Balsall Health Medical Centre
THURSDAYS at Sparkbrook Medical Centre

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR FAMILIES—

Child Safety Week

[HTTPS://CAPT.ORG.UK/CHILD-SAFETY-WEEK/](https://capt.org.uk/child-safety-week/)

Get involved: Child Safety Week 2024 runs from Monday 3rd to Sunday 9th June.

Child Safety Week is the Child Accident Prevention Trust's annual community education campaign, acting as a catalyst for thousands of safety conversations and activities UK-wide.

They help families build confidence and skills in managing the real risks to children's safety.

This supports the drive for all children to have the freedom to grow and learn, safe from serious harm.

Safety. Sorted!

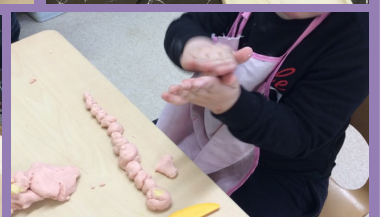
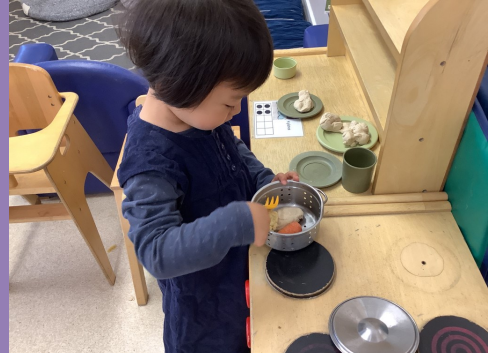
Families should feel confident that, with one small change, they can stop a serious accident. And be clear what they need to do to keep their children safe.

That's why, for Child Safety Week 2024, the theme is **Safety. Sorted!**

[HTTPS://CAPT.ORG.UK/CHILD-SAFETY-WEEK/](https://capt.org.uk/child-safety-week/)

Have a go at the Child Accident | Prevention Trust's 'Child Safety Quiz' on the final page!





Occupational Therapy
NEW and FREE
Transitions Through Education
Online Webinars for Families

Getting School Ready

Wednesday 29th May

or

Wednesday 19th June 2024

both 10.00 -11.00am

For tips and strategies to support children who are moving from an Early Years setting to Primary School

Transitions Through Education
family webinars (Getting
School Ready)

(Online webinar for families)

FREE!



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/transitions-through-education-family-webinars-getting-school-ready-tickets-883183635027>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/transitions-through-education-family-webinars-getting-school-ready-tickets-883191979987>

If you have any questions or problems with booking, please e-mail:
bchc.sendtherapy@nhs.net



SEND Therapy Team

Sparkbrook

Children's Zone

Supporting children and families to live happy, healthy lives in Birmingham.

This service is available to all patients under the age of 16 registered with one of these GPs: Balsall Heath Health Centre, Fernley Medical Centre, The Hill General Practice, Highgate Medical Centre, The Brook Surgery, St George's Surgery and Springfield Medical Practice.

Our specialist team can help with all children's health needs.

We also offer families support with parenting, wellbeing, food, money, housing advice, safety and abuse. Interpreting services are available.

Appointments are available:

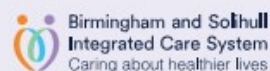
Mondays at
Balsall Heath Health Centre
43 Edward Rd, B12 9LP

Thursdays at
Sparkbrook Community and Health Centre
34 Grantham Road, B11 1LU



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Our partners



To book an appointment or find out more information, please ask your GP practice.



Child safety quiz

1. A baby's skin is:
a) twice as thin as an adult's
b) 5 times thinner than an adult's
c) 15 times thinner than an adult's
2. How long can a hot drink still scald a child after it's made?
a) 15 minutes after it's been made
b) 10 minutes after it's been made
c) 5 minutes after it's been made
3. How long can it take for a button battery to burn through a child's food pipe if they swallow one?
a) a week
b) a day
c) under two hours
4. How many seconds can it take for a toddler to be badly burned by water from a bath hot tap?
a) 5
b) 15
c) 50
5. Where are children most likely to be bitten by a dog:
a) at the park
b) at home
c) in the street
6. Hair straighteners can get as hot as:
a) an iron
b) a kettle of boiling water
c) a milky mug of coffee
7. At what age are children most likely to get run over:
a) 3 years old
b) 6 years old
c) 12 years old
8. Children under 5 are most likely to have an accident:
a) at nursery
b) on the road
c) at home
9. What foods are young children most likely to choke on?
a) Sausages
b) Marshmallows
c) Grapes
10. How long does it take for a toddler to lose consciousness if they get tangled in a blind cord?
a) 20 seconds
b) 2 minutes
c) 20 minutes



- Answers:
1. c - 15 times thinner than an adult's
 2. a - 15 minutes after it's been made
 3. c - under two hours
 4. a - 5
 5. b - at home
 6. a - an iron
 7. c - 12 years
 8. c - at home
 9. all of them
 10. a - 20 seconds