



SPRING 2 – 2025

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your diary

APRIL

11th - Break up for the Easter holiday
WB 14th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (2 weeks)
16th - Primary school place offer day
28th - Back to nursery (Summer 1)

MAY

5th - Bank holiday (nursery closed to all)
7th - SEND parent coffee AM & PM
14th - Photographer in nursery today
21st - Early reading parent workshop
23rd - Break up for the half term holiday
26th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)

JUNE

2nd - Back to nursery (Summer 2)
WB 2nd - Parent consultation meetings
16th - Attwell Farm Park TRIP
25th - Parent workshop—transition

JULY

2nd - SEND parent meeting
9th - Parent consultations evening
17th - Last day of provision
18th - Graduation event at Cannon Hill Park (provision closed for all children)

SEPTEMBER

1st&2nd - Staff TRAINING DAYS
3rd - Home visits for new starters
4th - Stay and play PM
5th - Stay and play AM
8th - Usual provision commences (Aut 1)

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

3rd - Back to nursery (Autumn 2)

Head Teacher's message



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading our Spring 2 newsletter. It has been such a treat to have sunshine and blue skies over the last few weeks—I do hope some warm weather continues into the Easter break so you can enjoy family time in the outdoors where possible.

Thank you families!

Thank you to all families that attended the workshops we've had this term, and a special thank you to all those that were able to participate in some Easter bonnet/basket crafting! We had a splendid day on Wednesday watching the parades and admiring all the hard work.

New under 2's provision

We are currently 85% at capacity for our new under 2s unit for September with very limited spaces left. If you or your family or friends may have a baby from 9months old that will require a nursery place from September onwards, please do let us know as soon as possible.

The under 2s children will be in the building on the other side of the carpark and we're currently busy making plans for the outdoor area and the room preparation.

Change of provision

Just a reminder that a change of provision form needs to be completed if parents are wanting to change their child's sessions for September. Unfortunately, we are unable to change/swap provision for the summer term.

There is lots happening over the summer term so do keep an eye on dates. We wish you all a lovely break and we'll see you back on Monday 28th April. *Sam*

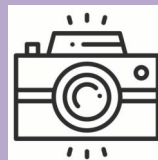


*HAPPY
Easter*

PHOTOGRAPHER AT NURSERY!

The photographers will be in nursery on Weds 14th May.

Family photos can be had between 08:30-09:00 and 12:30-13:00. We will organise individual photos and Jakeman sibling photos for the rest of the day.



SESSION TIMES REMINDER:

Half day mornings: 08:30-11:30

Half day afternoons: 12:30-15:30

Full days: 09:00-15:00

Additional hours can be purchased—please speak to the office.

Please do try to collect on time.

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, Sabah Kabir, Shazeha Akhtar, Farkhanda Jabeen & Shazia Badaruddin

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



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CURRICULUM FOCUS



SPRING 2

With spring finally upon us, the children have been exploiting the warmer weather and the learning opportunities that our outdoor environment brings. The life cycle of plants has been a particular focus of their learning as they examined seeds and took the necessary steps in planting them and helping them to thrive. The continuous observation of these plants and vegetables has been a joy to watch as children proactively take turns to water them and observe any changes they may find.

A strong interest that has continued on has been the search and documentation of insects. Through hands on exploration, the children have discovered the various habitats that these wonderful creatures call home. 'Bug hotels' were then made using left over food from snack time in order for children to check in daily and continue their appetite to learn more about the insects we can find.

Children measured ingredients, followed a recipe and chose their healthy toppings for their pancakes on pancake day. Differences were explored and celebrated as children learnt about people with down syndrome as part of World Down Syndrome Day. Odd



socks were worn to highlight that even though we may be different, this can be highlighted and celebrated. Finally, Eid ul Fitr was brought to life as the children shared their experiences, recreated mehndi patterns and enjoyed party food that was kindly donated by our wonderful parents.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance autumn term	
	Attendance %
Big nursery	81%
Little nursery	81%
All	81%
Attendance spring term	
	Attendance %
Big nursery	82%
Little nursery	83%
All	82.5%

The spring term has seen a slight increase in attendance—keep it up children and parents/carers! :-)

We want every child to access as much of their education entitlement as possible.

Our aspiration is to reach 90% attendance.

It can be tricky to know when to keep your child off school when they have signs of illness.

The NHS guidance 'Too Ill For School?' is useful to refer to if you are unsure:

Too ill for school?

RRSA links

United Nations
Convention on the
Rights of the Child:

Article 3: best interests of the child

Article 28: right to an education

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.

SUMMER 1

As we look ahead into the summer term, our planting and growing will continue as the life cycle of their plants and vegetables will be closely monitored. We'll measure their length, record the days that they have been watered and make observational drawings too.

We're keen to build upon our children's imagination and storytelling skills by providing them with varied platforms in which they can retell their stories. Film making, role play and writing will enable all children to be able to create and share their imagination with others.

Pop music will be our musical genre that will promote dancing to rhythm, replicating repeated refrains and we'll experiment with changing lyrics to songs they already know. Andy Goldsworthy is our artist of focus who focuses on the environment in sculpture art by placing, arranging and investigating colour. This will also heavily support our on-going discussion with children about sustainability and recycling.



Startwell

Regular physical activity in children is associated with improved learning/ attainment, better mental health, healthier hearts through cardiovascular fitness, which all contribute to having a healthy weight.

There is growing concern about the lack of physical activity opportunities and the increase in inactivity of children in early years which can lead to weight gain, lower attainment levels and poor wellbeing. This could be down to the amount of technology that is available to children, not using the outdoor environment, and being focussed on sitting activities rather than movement.

Encourage active play in the home: Engage in games like hide and seek, video yoga, obstacle courses, dance offs and follow the leader—anything to get the belly button moving!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Hi, I'm Active Azra. My job is to remind children to:

'Move more, sit less and get those belly buttons on the move!'



Active Azra



Look at the Startwell website for more tips and advice:

<https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/about-startwell/>

SUN SAFETY

Children and sun protection

Take extra care to protect babies and children. Their skin is much more sensitive than adult skin, and damage caused by repeated exposure to sunlight could lead to skin cancer developing in later life.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

When your child is in nursery, please ensure:

- ♦ They have their shoulders covered e.g. cap-sleeve T-shirts
- ♦ They have a sun hat with them, with their name in
- ♦ Children have sunscreen applied onto their exposed skin before attending their session
- ♦ For children that attend nursery for full days, they have a bottle of SPF 30 or SPF 50 sunscreen cream to remain in nursery, with their name on
- ♦ Please refrain from sending your child in with open toe shoes/sandals.

We have bikes outside and heavy building blocks that children play with so toes must be covered for safety.

The above is important for all children, regardless of skin type.



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR FAMILIES



The following website shares very important information and tips on keeping children safe:

<https://capt.org.uk/>

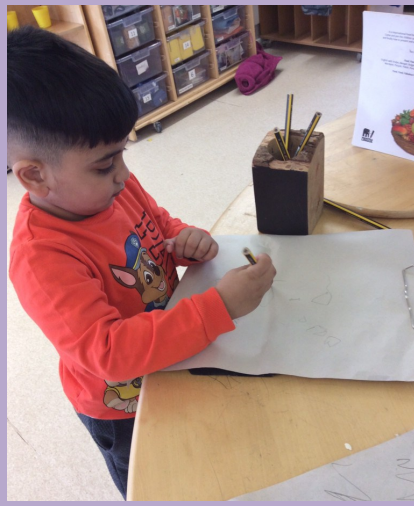
As the holidays approach, we remind you of the choking hazard that small spherical objects and sweets, such as 'mini eggs', pose.

Sweets this size are the same size as children's airways and can easily get stuck, causing silent choking.

Things to remember:

- Children can choke at any age. Young children are at greater risk.
- Remember to supervise children when eating to minimise risk
- Cut lengthways and quarters—grapes, strawberries, cherries, small tomatoes and sausage rounds chunks
- Babies and toddlers put things in their mouths. It's how they explore. So they can choke on small objects in their reach.





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