



SUMMER 1 – 2025

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your diary

### 2024/25

#### MAY

23rd - Break up for the half term holiday  
26th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)

#### JUNE

2nd - Back to nursery (Summer 2)  
11th - Community Eid event (10am-1pm)  
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)

### 2025/26

#### 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)

#### DECEMBER

19th - Break up for Christmas holiday

## Head Teacher's message



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading our latest newsletter.

### Reading workshop thank you

I'd like to share a huge thank you to all the parents that were able to attend the early reading workshop. And thank you to the staff team for sharing ideas with you and modelling what a group story time in nursery looks like. We are always committed to working together and would welcome any offers of reading stories in different languages to our children over the coming weeks.

### Trip details

The finer detail letter for the trip to Attwell Farm will be with you very soon. Please ask if you have any further questions.

### Eid celebration

Jakeman community Eid event... this is NOT to be missed on Wednesday 11th June!

### Photos on the newsletter

If you'd like to see photos of your child in our newsletters—ask us in the office to check your previous permissions. If you haven't given permission for us to use photos of your child in the newsletter on your registration form, we will be very careful not to do so. But if you are happy to give permission, more and more children will feature in our learning highlights on the final page.

### Eid al-Adha

Finally, we wish a very blessed Eid to those of you celebrating—Eid Mubarak!

Best wishes,

*Sam*



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



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## CURRICULUM FOCUS



## SUMMER 1



The weather was delightful during most of the first half of the summer term, this allowed for lots of outdoor experiences whereby children explored the speed and flow of water using pipes and ramps.

The water flow system was extended over the garden! This encouraged lots of skills such as balance, teamwork, prediction of how fast the water will flow and experimenting with weight when carrying the buckets.

Children have been engaging in transient art, this explores the work of the artist 'Andy Goldsworthy' creating sculptures and patterns using natural resources.

Children are becoming confident in the Startwell Characters and are showing an understanding of how to keep themselves healthy. Wake-up, Shake-up forms part of children's daily routine, promoted by 180 Katie.



## ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance year to date	
	Attendance %
Big nursery	83%
Little nursery	82%
<b>All</b>	<b>82.4%</b>
Attendance summer 1	
	Attendance %
Big nursery	86%
Little nursery	84%
<b>All</b>	<b>85%</b>

Attendance has gone up, **AGAIN!** Well done parents—this makes such a positive difference to children's educational achievements, friendships and well-being.

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

## 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.*

## WHAT NEXT?

The Colour Monster Goes to School' by Anna Llenas will support children to share how they are feeling about going to school. Transition can be an exciting time but also it can feel quite scary. Children will be given lots of opportunity to practice skills needed to prepare them for the next step in their educational journey.

Click on the link for resources to help prepare your child with the skills they need to go into reception:

[Skills for starting school - advice for parents](#)

### Skills for starting school - advice for parents

School readiness tips and activities to support the skills your child needs to start school - from potty training to language learning.

### What does 'school readiness' mean?

How can you help your child get school ready? We go through some useful hints and tips to help grow your child's confidence ready for starting school.

More on this



Struggling to get your child to sleep? How to establish a bedtime routine



Potty training advice: Your questions answered



What are the Starting Reception skills?



Game - My First Day at School

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# Startwell



## **BIRMINGHAM HEALTHY START VITAMIN DROPS**

They are FREE for all registered with a Birmingham GP.

The vitamins contain vitamins A, C and D. Vitamin D is important for the development of healthy bones and teeth. Very few foods contain vitamin D. Most vitamin D is formed in the body by sunlight acting on exposed skin. We don't tend to get as much sunshine in the UK. The best way to be sure children are getting enough vitamin D is to take healthy start vitamin drops.

**Ask Shabnam, Amna or Janine to get FREE vitamin drops for your child.**

Hi, I'm Suzy Startwell. My job is to be a good role model for making healthy choices! I promote the Healthy Start vitamins that you can get from Jakeman Nursery (as a distributing partner) for FREE!

Look at the Startwell website for more tips and advice:  
<https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/about-startwell/>



## SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR FAMILIES



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

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

As the first week back to nursery is 'CHILD SAFETY WEEK', we will be focusing on road safety with our children.

2 helpful videos that can be watched with your child at home too can be found here:

<https://vimeo.com/242114979>

(Getting to school safely)

<https://vimeo.com/242116708>

**Things to remember:**

- Model using zebra crossings and traffic light crossings where you can on busy roads
- Encourage child to hold an adult's hand when crossing roads.
- Model stopping to look and listen for cars coming
- Remember not to park illegally/dangerously
- Be sure to use the legally required car seats for children

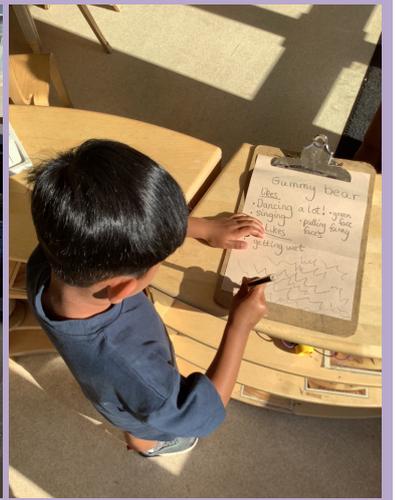


## Road safety checklist



**Child Safety Week**





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