



AUTUMN 1-2024

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your diary

OCTOBER

25th - STAFF TRAINING DAY
WB 28th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)

NOVEMBER

4th - Back to nursery (Autumn 2)
20th - United Nations World Children's Day -
11am and 2:50pm children's performance

DECEMBER

11th - Christmas Music Family session
18th - Christmas Wonderland event
20th - Break up for Christmas holiday
WB 23rd - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (2 weeks)

JANUARY

6th - Back to nursery (Spring 1)
15th - Reception pace application deadline

FEBRUARY

5th - NSPCC Number Day - maths parent
workshop
7th - NSPCC Number Day
11th - Safer Internet Day
13th - Break up for the half term holiday
14th - STAFF TRAINING DAY
WB 17th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)
24th - Back to nursery (spring 2)

MARCH

5th - World Book Day (book character
dress)
21st - World Down Syndrome Day (wear
odd socks to nursery)

APRIL

9th - SEND coffee morning with the SENCO
11th - Break up for Easter holiday
WB 14th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (2 weeks)
16th - Reception place offer day

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 (mat leave),
Shazeha Akhtar, Farkhanda Jabeen &
Shazia Badaruddin

Head Teacher's message



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for reading our first newsletter of the year. We hope 2024-25 school year brings us all joy and happiness. We've had a wonderful time supporting your children to settle in this half term, becoming familiar with the routines, building relationships with their teachers and making new friends. We are so privileged to be able to be part of that with your children.

Startwell: We will be engaging in the Startwell Award over the next few months; there is more information about Startwell on Page 3. We

hope your children will be sharing more knowledge on the characters and their key messages with you soon!

Home activity ideas: Every fortnight, we text out the link to our fortnightly home activity ideas. We support parent carers by sharing the song, Makaton sign and UNICEF Right that we'll be learning in nursery, with some ideas of things you could do at home. This helps to embed and further develop what the children will be doing in nursery. These are also on our website under the 'parents' section.

Coming up: After half term, we will be taking part in Children in Need, World Children's Day and plenty of Christmas festivities. All our key dates (event days, parent workshops and activity sessions, term dates) are on the home page of the website, right at the bottom.

Under 2s: We are very hopeful that we'll be ready to take children from 9 months to 2 years at Jakeman from September 2025. Please share this with any friends and family who this could benefit.

School applications: Action is required for children who will be 4 by 31st August 2025 and going to school in September 2025. See page 3 for more details.

Stay and Play: Reminder... stay and play session for under 3 year olds every Tuesday, 09:30-11:00.

Finally, to those celebrating Diwali on the 1st November, we wish you a Diwali that brings happiness, prosperity and joy to all your family. **Sam**

NEW PARENTS AND FAMILIES, DID YOU KNOW...

We are a Gold Award Rights Respecting School?

Please ask a member of staff to find out more. Parent information session coming soon (**29th Nov**)! Pick up a leaflet from the front office for details on our rights respecting work across our curriculum.

WE ARE A UNICEF GOLD RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL



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



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AUTUMN CURRICULUM FOCUS

LEARNING

Autumn 1: Both returning and new children have settled well into nursery. They have familiarised themselves with the routines and are showing confidence in demonstrating their independence by recognising their name/photo for registration, hanging their coats up and washing their hands. Children are building relationships with their key workers and their family group peers during group time. Children have also been learning about how to keep both their minds and bodies healthy.

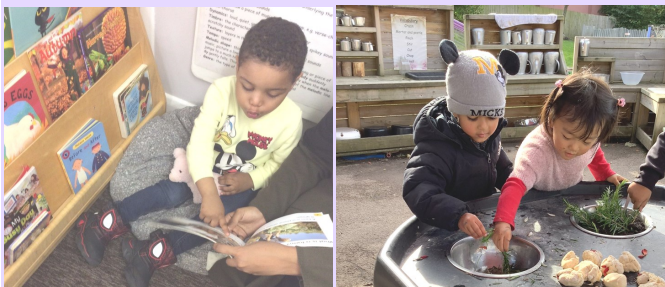
We have a high focus on children's listening and attention skills through daily access to 'bucket time' which promotes children's ability to focus and sustain attention.

Our artist for this half term has been Jackson Pollock. In order to replicate his art, children have been using their gross motor skills to drip and splatter paint onto large canvases.

Classical music has been heard throughout our nursery this half term, encouraging children to think about how the music makes them feel, what instruments are being used and learning some of the technical language associated with this.

We had a fantastic turnout for our parent consultations. We hope you gained a lot from being able to see your children in nursery and seeing how learning is promoted through the various activities and experiences available.

During Autumn 2 we will be exploring the changes in our natural environment. Children will have the opportunity to engage in nature walks in the local environment where they will gather natural resources to bring back and explore. Children have shown a particular interest in worms and spiders, informing adults when they notice them and studying their features up close using magnifying glasses. This will give children the opportunity to look at similarities and differences using mathematical language such as, big, medium and small.



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance last year (2023-24)

	Attendance %
Big nursery	81%
Little nursery	76%
All	79%

Attendance this half term

	Attendance %
Big nursery	82%
Little nursery	82%
All	82%

It's been a good start to the year for attendance.

We have updated our attendance policy and support approach, this can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/4jrnpwxr>

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

Our aspiration is to get to 90% attendance this year.

It can be tricky, especially at this time of year, to know when to keep your child off school when they have signs of winter colds. Hopefully the NHS guidance 'Too Ill For School?' below will help.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



RRSA links:
United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child links = **Article 3:** best interests of the child

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.

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK.

Coughs, colds or sore throat - It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough, cold or sore throat. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Conjunctivitis - You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Ringworm - If your child has ringworm, see a pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case, see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea - Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

High temperature - If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away. **Chickenpox** - If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Ear infection - If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

STARTWELL

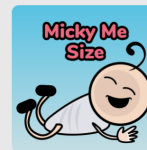
For those of you who are new to Jakeman especially, let us introduce you to Startwell.

The early years of life is a vital time to set healthy foundations to prevent obesity later on in life. Our lifestyles are significantly influenced by early life experiences. Healthy lifestyle intervention at a young age can influence food choices, physical activity levels and leisure activity choices and these are likely to continue into adulthood.

The Startwell characters, that you will see over the course of the year are →

Sugar Awareness Week: 11th—17th November

Eating too much sugar can cause us to gain weight, has a detrimental effect on our teeth and can contribute to tooth decay. 2 Snacks Max promotes having 2 healthy snacks per day. Smiley Shen helps promote keeping our teeth healthy by reducing intake of sugary foods and drinks. Did you know, the recommendation for children, their health and their little teeth, is just 1 sugary treat per week?



We will be focusing on oral health and sugar awareness after half term - it is always most powerful if nursery and home approach the same themes simultaneously to help enhance children's discussion and understanding.

Look at the Startwell website for more tips and advice:

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

Startwell



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Birmingham and Solihull Health & Wellbeing services at your finger tips

<https://the-waitingroom.org/>

This website is a go-to for any well-being services families may need. These are just a few of the categories:

Abuse	Addictions
Carers	Children and Young People
Communities	Criminal Justice
Disability Support	Education and Employment

There are helpful websites, helpline numbers and social media links for everything you could possibly need as a family.

We are always here to help in any way we can as a nursery school, but if you prefer to find support for your family yourself, this website is one to remember.



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR FAMILIES

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

With Halloween, Diwali and Bonfire Night all quickly approaching, this is one of the most exciting times of the year for children. But it can also bring additional safety challenges. So, to help keep children safe this season, the Child Accident Prevention Trust have got some key safety tips and resources. Did you know sparklers can burn 16 times hotter than a kettle? Or how easy it is to buy powerful rockets unsuited to family back gardens?



The CAPT fireworks advice hub covers all the safety essentials. <https://capt.org.uk/firework-safety/>

SCHOOL RECEPTION PLACE APPLICATIONS



Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2025

For those of you whose child turned 3 on or before August 31st 2024, your child is due to start Reception in September. Every child requires an application for this move to school.

Please let us know if you need any help with logging in or completing the online application.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Remember, you can visit your preferred school's website or call them to find out when you can go and look at the school if you'd like to. The deadline for completion of the application is: **15th January 2025**



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