



Acorns Nursery

Newsletter 8th May 2026

What we have been learning this week!

What a busy and exciting week at nursery!

This week in maths, the children have been focusing on comparing amounts and have loved exploring the nursery garden, hunting for written numbers hidden on the floor. In phonics, the children have enjoyed listening to and clapping the syllables in their names, as well as joining in with favourite songs such as *Number Clap* and *A Ram Sam Sam*.

Our Pre-School children have also been enjoying the story *All Join In*. In Forest School, we have been very busy planting beans inspired by our book *Jasper's Beanstalk*, making mud pies, and exploring the natural world around us.

We have shared so many wonderful experiences together this week, helping the children to develop important skills such as sharing, turn-taking and communication. Through our daily routines, the children have also been building their independence by practising putting on wellies and hats, pouring their own milk, using cups confidently, and developing toileting skills.

Thank you to the families who joined us for our stay and play!

Next week we will be learning...

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week, and we will be taking part in lots of activities to support the children's wellbeing. These will include mindful colouring, drawing, yoga, dancing, spending lots of time outdoors, and enjoying time with friends and siblings.

In maths, we will continue recognising numbers and developing our understanding that numbers can be represented as both symbols and marks. We will also be exploring numbers 1–5, looking at what happens when we add to or take away from a group.

In phonics, we will be focusing on identifying objects with the same initial phoneme (sound). The children will explore this through a range of fun games and activities such as *Kim's Game*, *Copy Cat*, and *Rufus' Holiday*.

Reminders

What to bring:

*Please ensure all belongings are labelled.

A small bag for your child's belongings, please no drawstring bags

Spare clothing including socks and underwear if potty training

A water bottle

Nappies, wipes and nappy cream, if required

A sun hat/ winter hat appropriate for the weather

A coat suitable for the outdoors.

Suncream

Waterproof all-in-one and wellies.

*Please ensure no medication is in your child's bag, if your child needs any medication whilst they are at nursery inform a staff member who will be able to ensure this is documented and stored appropriately. Please ensure no medication is in child's water bottles.

Session times –

Morning session 8.50-11.50.

Afternoon session 12.20-3.20.

Children need to be collected by this time. Children collected after these times may incur a late charge.

Dates for your diary

Summer Term 2026

-Friday 22nd May, school closes for half term.

-Friday 19th June, Special Men's Stay and Play Session. 9am-10am

-Wednesday 24th June, trip to Farmer Teds.

Please complete consent forms. All money/ consent forms will need to be in by Friday 5th May. Forms will be sent home next week

-Wednesday 8th July, Pre-School graduation 10-10.30am. Details will follow.

Home Learning...

This week we are celebrating Mental Health Awareness Week by encouraging the children to explore their feelings, enjoy time together, and take part in activities that support wellbeing. Here are some simple ideas you can try at home with your child.

Special Time Together

Spending quality time together helps children to feel loved, safe, and secure. This could include sharing stories, baking, playing games, building together, or simply talking about your day.

Outdoors

Being outdoors is a wonderful way to support mental health and wellbeing. Encourage your child to explore nature by going for walks, visiting the park, jumping in puddles, collecting natural treasures, or playing in the garden. Fresh air, movement, and time in nature can help children feel calm, happy, and relaxed.

Comments

I will be sharing UV levels weekly to help inform you of when sun cream is recommended. You can also check UV levels in the same way as you would check the weather forecast, to help you prepare your child for the day ahead.