



Verwood Day Nursery

Spring Newsletter 2023



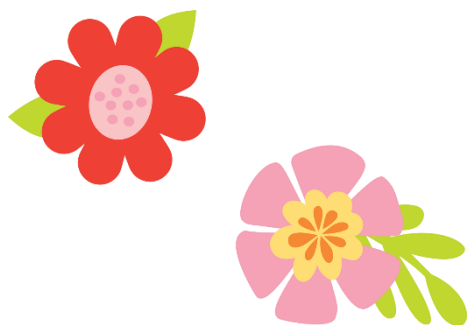
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Spring is here!

Finally, it feels that Spring is in the air. The days are getting longer and hopefully soon the milder and sunnier weather will arrive.

The children have been enjoying more time outside in the garden and in this newsletter, we will share the newly refurbished outdoor spaces.



Do not forget to follow us

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up to date with what we have been up to and our future events.



Welcome to the team!

I would like to offer a huge welcome to three new members of staff that will be joining the Verwood team during March.

First up is Zoe. Zoe has joined the Apple room pre-school team and we are so lucky to have her. Zoe is a very experienced practitioner who has come to us from a Ringwood setting where she worked for over 20 years. Zoe lives locally with her family and has already settled into the Verwood family.



Next to join us is Amanda who is going to be working with the team in The Nest. After a break from childcare, Amanda has returned to the profession and having experience of working in a nursery setting we are glad she has decided to return to childcare here at Verwood.

Last but by no means least, we will be welcoming Marie to the Apple room team at the end of March. Marie is again an experienced practitioner who has previously worked in a local pre-school, she will be joining the team part time and again, we are extremely lucky to have her.



A huge welcome to all three ladies

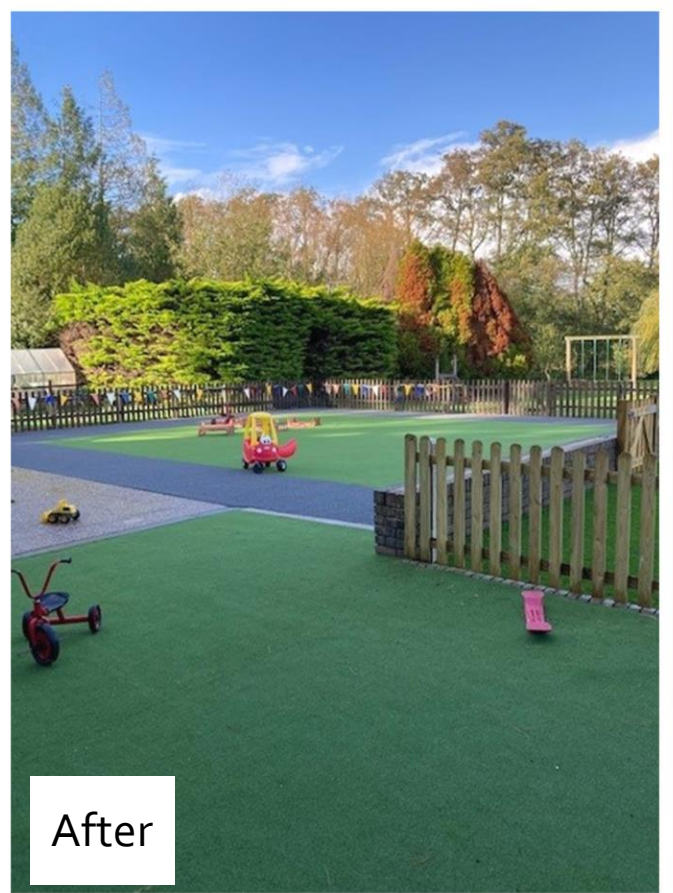


A huge well done to Bridie who has recently completed her Level 3 Early Years SENCO training. As the settings nominated SEN officer, Bridie will be working with Rachel to support our families and children, working together with external agencies and other professionals such as speech and language and Portage. Congratulations!

Garden makeover

We were extremely lucky to have had new artificial grass installed at the end of October last year.

This replaced the existing large area directly accessed from both Plum and Apple rooms. We have also created a new dedicated, large area for our youngest children providing a safe area for exploration and play, and installed a new sandpit.



Nursery events for 2023

Spring fair – a Coronation celebration – Saturday 22nd April

We will be hosting a Spring fair for all attending families. Personal invitations to follow.



Parents evenings – May (dates to be confirmed)

We will be offering 10-minute appointments with your Child's key person to chat about their progress and next steps. These will be either in person or over the phone.

Leavers party – Saturday 12th August

Our annual farewell party for all our 'big school' children

Photographer – Tuesday 29th August

Our annual visit from Concept photography



Pumpkin competition – Tuesday 31st October

We will once again be hosting a pumpkin week with a pumpkin carving competition for children, parents, and staff.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

We will once again be showing our support for this charity by having a themed day.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December

Our annual Christmas fair for all attending children and their families.

A polite reminder

Our session times run from 7.45am to 12.45pm and then 1.00pm until 6.00pm. Please arrive in good time to collect your child at the end of their session.

Late collection fees will be applied to those families who collect after the end of their child's session, both in the morning and the evening.

Notification of illness

Please do not forget to inform us if your child is unwell. Some illnesses are very infectious and we need to notify other parents and on occasions implement cautionary measures within the setting.

Current availability within the nursery

We are currently extremely busy across the whole nursery which sadly means we may not be able to accommodate all session requests, either adhoc or permanent.

If you know anyone looking for childcare, we suggest they also contact us as soon as possible.

If your child is registered to attend the setting, their space is guaranteed with us until they leave and go to school. There is no need to rebook their space as they move through the nursery.



LIMITED AVAILABILITY

The Nest (0-2 years) limited sessions available now with certain days full until December 2023

Plum room (2-3 years) afternoon sessions available only until August 2023

Apple room (3-4 years) Some sessions now full until August 2025.

Tax free childcare

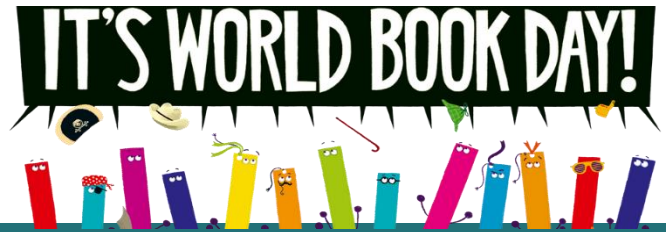
Are you aware of the governments tax-free childcare account?

Parents can open a childcare account and for every £8 you pay into your account; the government will pay in an additional £2. You are entitled to receive up to £2,000 government support per child per year towards your childcare costs. (This can be used alongside the early years funding).

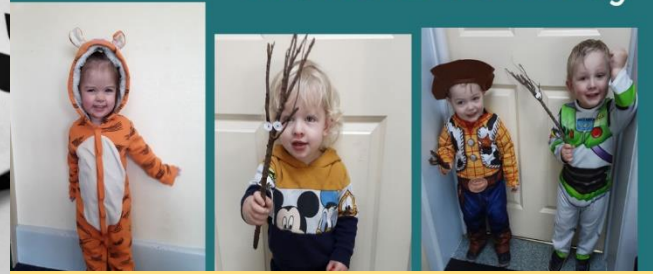
For more information please see - [Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK](#)

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone that participated in this year's world book day, either dressing up or sharing their favourite story with us



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That is it for now!

From Rachel, Craig, and the team at Verwood Day Nursery

