



# Verwood Day Nursery Summer Newsletter



## Leavers party 2024



### Marvellous Mr. Merlin

Thank you to everyone that came along to this year's graduation party.

Each year we say a sad goodbye to lots of wonderful children and their families as they move on to their new 'big schools' and our party is a real celebration of how far each child has come since the day they joined us. It's also a chance for us to say thank you for giving us the opportunity to be part of their lives. ***Good luck at big school everyone.***



## Our 2024 Graduates



On the places you'll go,  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting,  
So ...get on your way!

--Dr. Seuss



Wishing all our school leavers all the best in  
their next adventures!

## News from the Nest



In the nest the children have been having so much fun investigating their outdoor environment and delving into the world of media and materials. Painting different parts of their bodies and using props to make pictures has been fascinating.

Hiding in dens and using the mud kitchen has really helped the children make new friends and create special bonds.



Messy play is always on offer for the children, they have so many experiences to explore colours, textures, and tastes! They have loved mark making and using the paints and various resources they have been able to create patterns

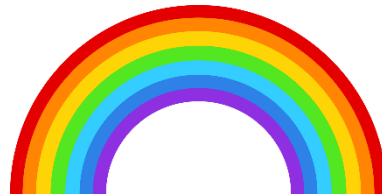


The team have been supporting the children with their physical development inside and out. They have had the soft play out supporting them in climbing and balancing. In the garden they have been climbing on the bridge, balancing on the beams and rolling balls with the peers, of course we they have enjoyed plenty of water play which not only brings lots of fun but supports their fine and gross motor skills!





## News from the Plum room



In the Plum room the children have been having lots of fun exploring different media and materials. Many children have been exploring their outside environment recently and have been investigating different colours. Colours help children adopt high-level logic skills, and exploring different colours can also enhance their vocabulary and language skills. Look at those powerful throws, a great opportunity to enhance those gross motor skills too.



The children have been exploring colours throughout various activities, alongside painting they have been colouring sorting blocks, balls and objects.

We certainly have been seeing lots of schemers particularly containing schemers. The children have loved hiding objects and fitting them inside of various objects including boxes, tubs, and pipes, we always find a surprise at tidy up time!



The children have loved spending time in the garden, in the orchard they have been busy selling ice creams from the trees and making dinner in the mud kitchen! They have shown keen interest in the vegetable garden have been busy picking ready the ready fruits! This has also spark lots of interest and led to apple and potato printing.



## The Apple Room



The children in the Apple room have been very busy exploring sunflowers. This has been such a interesting topic for the children and they have learnt all about understanding of the world, growth and changes over time. Watching their sunflower seeds grow has been a magical experience (a slow one for some) and they have even created their own masterpeices using paints and other materials.



The children have also been making full use of the beautiful weather we've had recently. They have been testing their gross motor skills by running, catching, throwing and climbing out in the orchard and garden. They have also been experimenting with colours, speed and measuring distances with cars and other resources.



## Pumpkin carving competition Thursday 31st October



Open to all the families within the nursery  
and staff too! The categories are –

\* Children \* Parents \* Staff

Pumpkins will be displayed in the nursery garden on Thursday 31st  
October, and we will light them all at 4.30pm for everyone to see  
and find out this year's winners.

Come along and enjoy some homemade pumpkin soup while you  
look at all the entries and choose your favourite.

### PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS!

Entries can be made from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> onwards but must be with  
us by midday Thursday 31st October to be included in the judging.



Our annual pumpkin carving competition is just around the corner. Once again,  
we will have 3 categories – Children, parents and staff. Each pumpkin will be  
judged on 'carving' skills.

Please join us at 4.30pm on the 31st to see the pumpkins alight and enjoy  
some of Sean's homemade pumpkin soup (made with the pumpkins grown by  
the children!)

If you would like to enter this year's competition, please bring your entry in  
during the week of the 28th of October.

The closing day and time will be midday on the 31st. Good luck!

## Open Day Reminder

We are very excited to be holding an open day in September for our baby room The Nest. Please spread the word if you have any friends or relatives looking to enrol their children into childcare.



VERWOOD DAY NURSERY

# BABY ROOM OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 21st  
SEPTEMBER  
10.00AM - 1.00PM

COME ALONG AND MEET THE TEAM

VIEW OUR AMAZING FACILITIES

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE NEW FUNDING  
AVAILABLE TO FAMILIES FROM SEPTEMBER



CALL US ON 01202 822338 OR EMAIL  
INFO@VERWOODDAYNURSERY.COM FOR ANY  
INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

**Don't forget our £100 referral reward. Just ask the other person making the enquiry or booking to mention your name.**

**Terms and conditions do apply.**

## School admissions 2025

If your child is eligible to start school for the first time in September 2025, you must apply for a school place through the local authority where you live. It is not enough to register your interest with the school or have your child attend a nursery attached to the school.

The **closing date** for on time applications is the **15 January 2025**.

It is very important that your application is received by this date. You stand a much greater chance of securing a place in one of your preferred schools if you apply by 15 January.

**Apply online** via [Dorset School Admissions](#) using a smart phone, tablet or computer. You can create an account and then complete the application which should take no longer than half an hour. You will receive a confirmation email once you have submitted your application. If you cannot access the internet, please call 01305 221060 to discuss alternative ways of applying.

# Is your child 3 or 4 years old ?

**If they were born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021,  
you must apply by 15 January 2025 for your child's school place.**

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**Apply  
Now**



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## Staffing News

In other exciting news, we are delighted to welcome back Millie after her maternity leave. Millie has spent the last 12 months caring for her son Owen and we are very happy to have her back in the Nest. I'm sure she will now be coming to work for a break!



Kerrie has also joined the nursery and has been a huge hit with the children and staff in the Plum room. Kerrie joined us from a nursery in Tuckton, but she previously ran her own successful childminding business in Verwood for 12 years. We're very excited for Kerrie to share her knowledge and experience and we're delighted she's joined the team here at Verwood.

## Events for 2024

We are so looking forward to hosting some wonderful nursery events this year. Here are some key dates for your diaries –



- Our **Pumpkin Carving competition** will take place on **Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October**
- **Children in Need** – Pyjama Day – will be **Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of November**
- Our **Annual Christmas Fair** will be held on **Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of December**

## Reminders

During recent bag checks we have found a variety of items/objects that aren't very suitable to bring into nursery. I'm sure this isn't intentional as many bags are used over the weekends, but if you could please check your child's bag before each session that would be very helpful.



If you could also please label your children's clothing, as this will help with our lost property and hopefully we will be able to locate any missing items much sooner.



***From Craig, Kaitie and the Verwood Day Nursery Team***