



# What's new...

Firstly, I want to welcome all our new families. We have had lots of new children join us over the past few months and the teams have been busy conducting settling in sessions and supporting the children to settle in.

As you are all aware, Amy has recently been promoted to Deputy manager.

Amy joined us in 2014 as a student studying her level 3, she began her full-time employment here in September 2016 based in the Nest.

Amy was then promoted to baby room supervisor in October 2020 and then third in charge in September 2023.

We are so pleased of all of Amy's achievements; she certainly is an asset to the team.



We are pleased to announce that Kerrie has stepped into the role of Plum room supervisor.

Kerrie joined us in June 2024 after working in another early years setting.

Kerrie has worked in early years for over 25 years, working as a nanny and running her own childminding business, she shares lots of knowledge, experience and new ideas. Kerrie also has her own children at home who keep her very busy!



## Meet Ethan

We are excited to share with you that one of our parents has volunteered to maintain the vegetable garden with the children.

Each week Ethan comes in and supports the children in developing an understanding of where certain foods come from and how we grow them. The children have been very busy planting and closely observing and talking about changes. It has been lovely to watch the excitement on their faces as they watch the stages that the seeds go through as they grow.

We certainly do have a lot growing!



# The Nest



Recently in the Nest, the children have been exploring their bodies. Using mirrors, the children have been looking closely at their facial features and even pointing to them. This has helped the children to develop their self-awareness and spark their curiosity. We have also been exploring different ways our bodies move! We have been practicing standing, cruising, crawling, jumping, and balancing.



The children in the Nest have also started planting some sunflower seeds. The children have been exploring the texture of soil and practicing their scooping and pouring skills when transferring soil into their flowerpots. We used our fine motor skills to pick the seeds up and place them into our pots before adding more soil. We will water them and start to grow them at nursery before sending them home!







# Plum room



The children in plum room shown a big interest in tipping and pouring, this is known as a containing schema.

The staff have planned different activities for the children to explore tipping and pouring and transporting various objects and materials.

Most recently, the children have been exploring various textures, the staff have been busy introducing the children to lots of new textures and modeling language using describing words such as soft, wet, sticky and hard.

The children loved the slimy frog themed messy play where they had to hook out all the ducks!





# Apple room



The children in the Apple room showed a big interest in the story 'We're going on a bear hunt'. From this the staff planned different activities linking to the story. The children made binoculars and used these when they went on their bear hunt in the Orchard.

The children also explored a sensory activity encouraging them to "Squelch Squelch" through the mud and "Splish Splash" through the water using their feet!



Another current interest in the Apple room is transport, the team have been planning activities for the children to develop their knowledge on the different variations of transport, from hot air balloons, to rockets and ships... the children have enjoyed creating their own models.



# Are you using Tax Free childcare??

## Tax free childcare

Are you using tax free childcare to pay your nursery bill? If you aren't, you are missing out!



### What is it?

If you're a working parent or carer, you can get up to £500 every three months (up to £2,000 a year per child) to help with the costs of childcare. If your child has a disability, you can get up to £1,000 every three months (up to £4,000 a year per child).

### How it works

You set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 a year or £4,000 if your child has a disability.

You can then use the money to pay your nursery fees.

You need to reconfirm your eligibility for Tax-Free Childcare every three months. You'll get a text reminder and it's easy to do through your online childcare account.

## Current availability

**The Nest (0-2years) currently taking bookings  
from June 2026**

**Plum room (2-3 years) limited availability until the  
end of 2025**

**Pre-school (3 years+) Full until September 2026**

**We also accept all ages of funding!**





## Up coming events

School Leavers Party - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Concept Photography – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Pumpkin Competition - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

Children in Need – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November



## Reminders

- Please ensure that your child's details are up to date, it is important contacts and emergency contacts are correct.
- Please take extra precautions when entering and exiting the building, ensuring that both front doors are fully closed behind you.
- Please ensure that your child attends nursery with appropriate and named clothing, we use the outdoor space all year round.
- 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. If we don't hear from you, we will call you in accordance with our safeguarding procedures.
- Please ensure you use the car park with consideration of other parents, leaving the drive accessible and cars not being blocked in.

From Kaitie, Amy and the Verwood Day Nursery team.

Don't forget to follow us.

