

Verwood Day Nursery

Spring Newsletter

Welcome to our Spring newsletter!

We hope you are all well and enjoying the fresh start that spring brings. Over the past few weeks, the children have been having a fantastic time exploring a wide range of new and exciting activities within the setting. They have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity in everything they do, building confidence as they try new experiences and develop their skills.

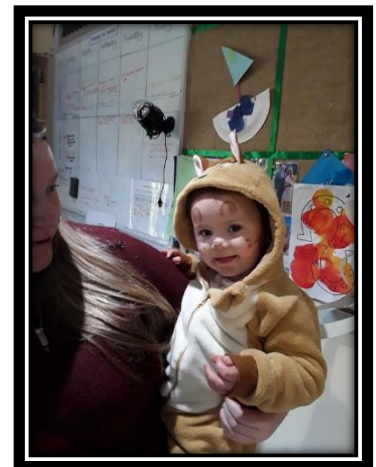
The children have especially loved spending more time outdoors, making the most of the brighter weather and fresh air. From running and climbing to exploring the natural environment, they have embraced every opportunity to learn through play. It has been lovely to see them noticing the changes in the season, from blooming flowers to longer, sunnier days, and sharing their excitement with their friends and staff.



World Book Day

We had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day at the nursery! The children enjoyed sharing their favourite stories, dressing up as beloved characters, and taking part in a range of fun, book-themed activities.

It was lovely to see their enthusiasm for reading and storytelling, and we hope this has inspired a continued love of books both at nursery and at home.



Staff updates

Welcome back Cat!

We're delighted to welcome Cat back to our team!

Some of you may remember Cat from her time with us between 2015 and 2019, where she was a valued and much-loved member of the setting.

Since then, she has gone on to successfully complete her Level 3 qualification and further develop her skills during her time at our Ringwood setting. We're so pleased to have her return, bringing with her a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and a familiar friendly face.

Welcome back Cat, we're so glad to have you with us again!



Good-bye Grace

We'd like to say goodbye to Grace, who has been a lovely part of our preschool room. It's been a pleasure having her with us, and the children have really enjoyed their time with her.

While we're sad to see her go, we're excited for her as she moves on to a new adventure. We wish you all the very best for the future.



Happy Retirement



As we say goodbye to two truly remarkable members of our team, we want to take a moment to celebrate Carole and Emma as they begin their well-earned retirement.

Both ladies were part of our journey even before Verwood Day Nursery was established, and they continued with us as we grew. Their dedication, commitment, and genuine passion for working with children have been at the heart of everything they have done. They have helped shape not only the nursery, but also the lives of so many children and families over the years.

Emma will always be remembered for her singing and the creative activities she brought to life, filling each day with joy, imagination, and laughter.

Carole's special story times, her warm, meaningful interactions, and her laughter that could fill a room created moments that children will carry with them long after they leave our care.

Together, they have made an unforgettable impact. Their kindness, energy, and unwavering dedication will be deeply missed by staff, children, and families alike.

Carole and Emma, thank you for everything you have given. We wish you both a long, happy, and relaxing retirement, it is truly deserved.

The Nest



In the Nest, our baby room has been full of exciting exploration and discovery this term. The children have been enjoying learning about colours through a range of messy and sensory play activities, including shaving foam and paint, which they have absolutely loved.

These experiences help to support their sensory development, encourage curiosity, and build early fine motor skills. Singing and nursery rhymes have been a big hit, especially those featuring farm animals, alongside sharing lots of engaging stories together, helping to develop language, listening, and early communication skills.

We've also spent plenty of time outdoors, where the children have had great fun exploring water and sand, supporting their physical development, coordination, and understanding of the world through hands-on play.



Plum Room



In the Plum Room, our toddlers have been enjoying a wide range of engaging activities that support their learning and development. They have loved exploring play dough, painting, and mark-making, which help to develop their fine motor skills and creativity. Activities like grouping, organising, and sorting encourage problem-solving, early mathematical understanding, and cognitive skills.



Role play has been a huge hit, allowing the children to use their imagination, develop social skills, and learn to cooperate with their peers.



Cooking activities and story times have also been very special moments in the room, giving the children opportunities to engage in language development, listening, and turn-taking, while enjoying and sharing stories together.



Through all these experiences, the children are building confidence, curiosity, and essential skills that support their ongoing growth and love of learning.



Apple Room



In Preschool, the children have been focusing on developing their independence in a variety of ways, including putting on their own coats, self-serving at lunchtime, and helping to prepare their own snacks.

These everyday tasks are supporting their confidence, self-care skills, and sense of responsibility. The children have also been exploring rhymes, sounds, and a wide range of stories, which have been brought to life through exciting and inviting tuff tray activities, helping to support their early literacy, imagination, and communication skills.

They have also been making the most of the garden, enjoying building with a variety of den-building equipment, going on bug hunts, and taking part in sensory play. These experiences encourage teamwork, problem-solving, physical development, and curiosity about the natural world.



Did you know? The Magic of early Maths...



Did you know that children start learning about maths from a very young age?

Counting, sorting, exploring shapes, and noticing patterns all help to build the skills they will use throughout their lives. In the early years, these experiences support problem-solving, reasoning, and confidence skills that go far beyond the classroom.



We see this every day in our setting: toddlers and preschoolers counting blocks, sorting toys, building towers, exploring sand and water, and discovering patterns in stories and songs.

Even small activities, like putting on coats, sharing snacks, or exploring the garden, give children opportunities to practice early mathematical thinking in fun and meaningful ways.



By supporting these skills through play—inside and out—we help children develop a love of learning and a strong foundation for the future.



Reminders

- Please take extra precautions when entering and exiting the building, ensuring that both front doors are fully closed behind you.
- Please **DO NOT** allow entrance to any other person without a member of the team being present.
- Please ensure that your child attends nursery with appropriate and named clothing, we use the outdoor space all year round.
- Our session times run from 7.45am to 6.00pm, 7.45-12.45 and then 1.00pm until 6.00pm. Please arrive in good time to collect your child at the end of the session.
- 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.
- Please **DO NOT** bring your child into nursery if they are needing Calpol to relieve symptoms of illnesses.
- Please ensure you check blossom regularly for updates and reminders.



Are you aware of 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.

You can also use Tax-Free childcare alongside funded childcare.

For more information about all childcare support available and to apply, please visit: [Best Start in Life](#)



Upcoming 2026 Events

Concept Photography – Tuesday 4th August



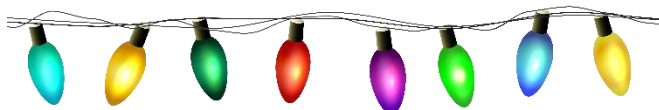
School Leavers party- Saturday 15th August



Pumkin Competition- Friday 30th October



Christmas Fayre- Saturday 5th December



Referral reward!

Don't forget that our referral reward is to say thank to those parents who recommend friends and colleagues to Verwood Day Nursery. To benefit from this reward yourself, you must ask the person you recommend mentioning your name at time of enquiry or booking and the new child must be on a full time (51-week contract). Then after the new child has attended Verwood Day Nursery for 3 full months, the £100 reward will be credited to your account during the 4th month. Simple!

Don't forget to follow us!



From Kaitie, Amy and the Verwood Day Nursery Team.