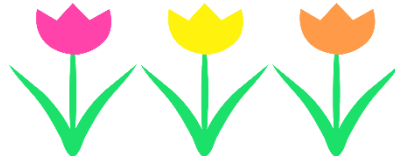


Verwood Day Nursery

Summer Newsletter



Welcome to Our Summer Newsletter!

A very warm welcome to all our families! We hope everyone has been keeping cool and enjoying the beautiful summer weather. We have certainly been making the most of the sunshine here at nursery, providing lots of fun and refreshing activities to help the children stay cool, including water play, splashy outdoor activities and plenty of opportunities to explore and enjoy the sunshine.



Our beautiful willow tree has also been the perfect shady spot for the children to relax, play and enjoy some quiet time outdoors.



We hope you enjoy reading our summer newsletter and finding out about all the wonderful things we have been getting up to!



Preschool Graduates



And just like that... our little school leavers are ready for their next big adventure!

What a journey it has been. We have loved watching every one of them grow, learn, laugh, make friendships and develop into the wonderful little people they are today. It has been such a privilege to be part of their early years and to share so many special memories along the way.

From those first little steps through our doors to standing proudly in their photos, we couldn't be prouder of how far they have come. They are ready for school, ready to learn, ready to explore and ready to take on the world!

As Dr. Seuss reminds us:

"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!"



Our New Approach to Planning and Learning

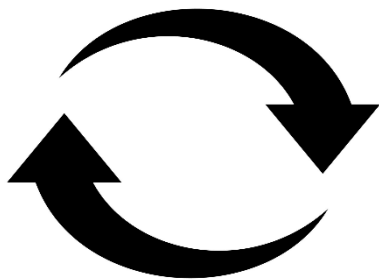
We're excited to share an update to the way we plan, observe and support your child's learning and development at nursery.

Our new approach has been designed to make sure that every child's individual interests, achievements and next steps are at the heart of our planning.

Rather than focusing on completing lots of activities, our team will focus on creating meaningful learning experiences that build on what your child can already do and help them develop new skills.

Weekly updates

Each child will receive a weekly update based on our observations of their learning and experiences at nursery. These updates will give you a brief insight into what your child has been doing, saying, learning and enjoying.

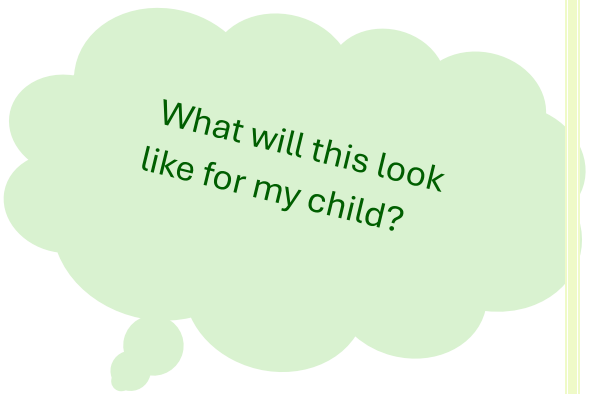


Focused observations

Each month, we will also complete a more detailed observation linked to your child's individual learning and development. This will help us identify what your child is currently working towards and how we can support their next steps.

Keeping you informed about your child's development

As well as our regular updates, you will receive half-termly and full-term reports about your child's learning and development. These reports will give you a clear overview of where your child is in relation to the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and the progress they are making across the different areas of learning and development.

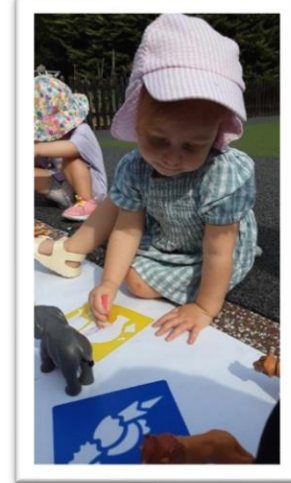


What will this look like for my child?

WOW moments

Each month, we will capture at least two special **WOW moments**. These are moments when your child has shown something particularly interesting, exciting or meaningful in their learning. WOW moments don't have to be planned they might happen naturally during your child's day.





Following your child's interests

We want children's interests to be a key part of their learning. Our staff will use their observations to plan experiences and opportunities that are meaningful to each child.

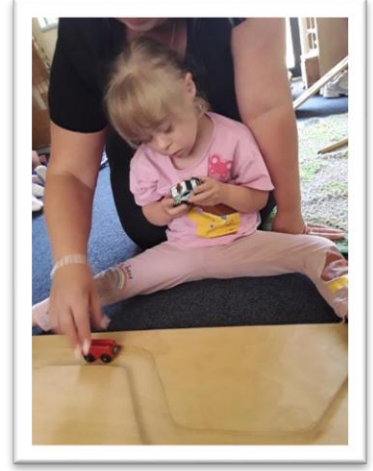
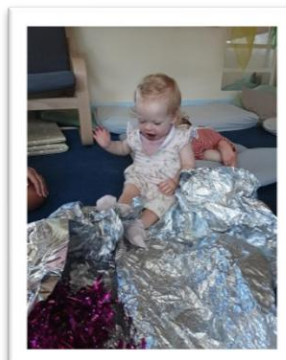
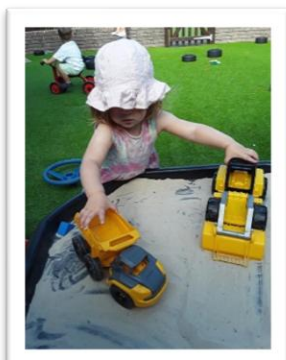
For example, if your child shows a strong interest in animals, construction, music, stories or outdoor exploration, we can use this interest to encourage learning across a range of areas.

Working together with families

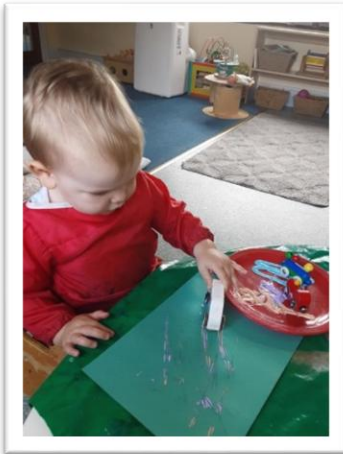
We value the information you share with us about your child. Your comments, observations from home and the things your child is interested in outside nursery can help us build a fuller picture of their development.

Our aim

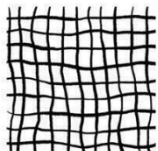
Our aim is to provide you with more meaningful information about your child's learning and progress, while ensuring that our practitioners can spend more time engaging with the children and supporting their development.



Nest



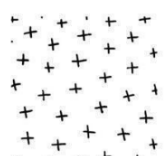
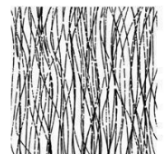
Our children in the Nest have been busy exploring, discovering and learning through lots of exciting sensory experiences!



We have spent lots of time playing in the sand, exploring different textures and materials, and enjoying water play to help keep us cool while encouraging those important early learning experiences.

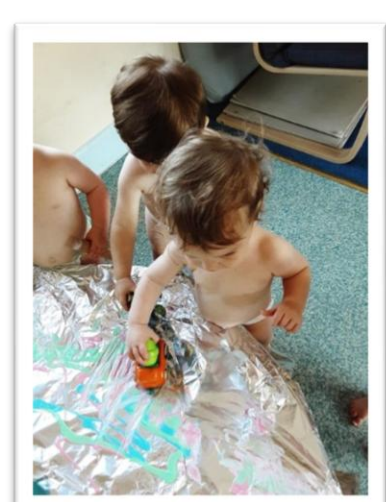
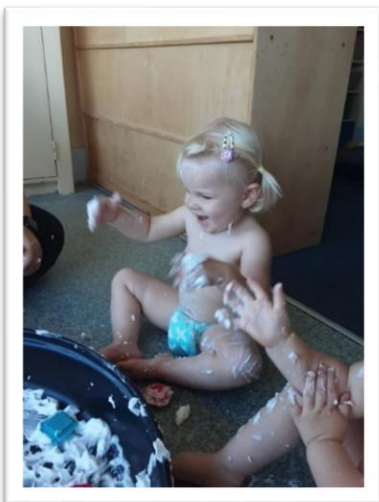


Our little explorers have also enjoyed lots of look-and-find activities, encouraging them to investigate their surroundings, develop their curiosity and discover new things for themselves. We have been challenging the children with a range of discovery and curiosity activities, giving them plenty of opportunities to explore, experiment and use their senses.

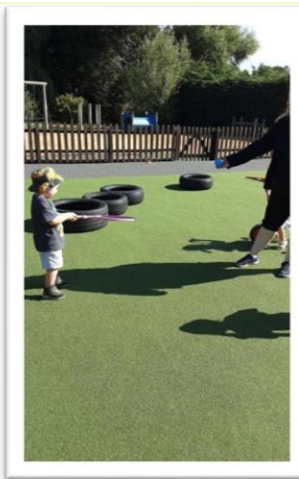


But the highlight of our summer has been spending time beneath our beautiful willow tree. It has become a very special place for

The Nest, where we have enjoyed little picnics, peaceful moments and even some lovely naps in the natural shade. There is something so magical about slowing down, enjoying the fresh air and watching the little ones explore the world around them.



Plum Room



We have been very busy in our toddler room with lots of opportunities for learning, exploring and developing new skills through play.

A key focus for us has been communication and language. We have continued to create a rich language environment through storytelling, songs, rhymes and meaningful conversations, encouraging the children to express themselves, build their vocabulary and develop their confidence when communicating with others.

We have also been experimenting with colours and different materials, encouraging the children to explore, make choices and discover what happens when they mix, combine and manipulate different resources, painting the garden with water has been a firm favourite.

The children have loved getting stuck into homemade play dough! The children have thoroughly enjoyed squeezing, rolling, stretching and shaping the dough, developing their fine motor skills while exploring the texture and using their imaginations.

Our home corner has also been a real highlight. It has been wonderful to watch the children recreate experiences from their own lives, sharing what they know about the real world through imaginative play. Whether they are pretending to cook, care for a baby, go shopping or look after one another, these moments provide fantastic opportunities for language, social interaction, turn-taking and developing their understanding of the world around them.



Apple Room



The children have been jumping onboard our number train and exploring early mathematical concepts through fun and engaging experiences. They have been developing their understanding of numbers, quantity and grouping objects, while learning to recognise numbers and make connections between numbers and amounts.



A big focus for us has been supporting the children to become more independent and confident in managing their own needs and emotions. We have been encouraging the children to talk about how they feel, explore why they might be experiencing certain emotions and think about strategies that can help them manage their feelings. This has been particularly valuable in supporting our school leavers as they prepare for their transition to school.



The children have also been working hard on their hand-eye coordination and pencil control, developing the skills they will need as they move towards school. Through mark-making, drawing, tracing and a variety of fine motor activities, the children have been strengthening their hand muscles, coordination and control while expressing their ideas creatively.



Our garden has provided endless opportunities for physical challenges and problem-solving. The children have been busy transporting water, navigating spaces and working out how to move resources from one place to another. These experiences have encouraged them to think creatively, test out their ideas and develop their problem-solving skills, all while strengthening their physical abilities, coordination and confidence.



Reminders

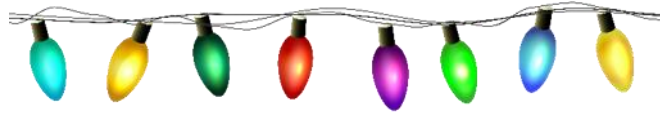
- Please take extra precautions when entering and exiting the building, ensuring that both front doors are fully closed behind you.
- Please **DO NOT** allow entrance to any other person without a member of the team being present.
- Please **DO NOT** bring your child into nursery if they are needing Calpol to relieve symptoms of illnesses.



Remaining Events 2026

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.