

# Nursery

## NEWSLETTER

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**PROUD TO BE, PROUD TO BELONG**



### Dear Parents,

In Nursery this week, we have been learning about the Chinese Zodiac. The children made Chinese lanterns to celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year which is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February this year. The children really enjoyed making heart shaped biscuits and icing them. They couldn't wait to eat them, they looked so delicious!



After the half term break, we will be learning to recognise 2D shapes. You can play an interactive game at home on the Top Marks website to help your child remember shape names. You can follow this link to access the website: [Shape Monsters - 2D Shapes Matching Game \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/shape-monsters)



Our topic next half term is 'mini beasts'. The first story that we will be reading is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. Please share this story with your child so that they can become familiar with it. If you don't have this book at home and are unable to borrow it from the library, here is a link to the story on You Tube: [The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Animated Film - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63DzJLJGKJU)



We will be learning different nursery rhymes each week. We will be learning the rhyme 'Miss Molly Had a Dolly' during the first week back after the holidays. Here is a link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/articles/zbjcy9q>

#### Reminders

Please **do not** send your child in to the Nursery wearing shoes with shoe laces on them. They are a trip hazard and may cause your child to fall and hurt themselves. **Velcro trainers are the best footwear for your child to wear to the Nursery.**

#### Year of Reading & World Book Day Reading Challenge

Children are invited to take a photograph of themselves **reading in an exciting, interesting, unusual or fun location or situation.**

The best photograph from each year group will be displayed in a special frame in the school library. A small number of creative entries will be displayed around the school. **Entries need to be in by 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026.**



## **Next half term, we will be learning:**

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development:**

- To know the names for some parts of my body and start to understand that I need to be active to be healthy. At home you can sing the song, 'Head, Shoulder's Knees and Toes'. Encourage your child to point to the correct body part when singing.

### **Communication & Language:**

- To talk about what we did during the half term break.
- To use longer sentences of 4 to 6 words.

### **Literacy:**

- The letter name and sound 'd'. For example, **donkey** and **dog**. Please bring in an object from home that begins with the letter/sound 'd' to share with the class.
- To talk about the stories that we listen to and read in class and to answer simple questions about them. At home, when sharing a story with your child, you can ask them questions, such as, who is in this story? What happens at the end of the story? etc.

### **Mathematics:**

- To be able to talk about shapes using informal and mathematical language. For example, 'sides', 'corners', 'straight', 'flat', 'round'. Encourage your child to find something in your home that has 4 corners or has a round shape.
- To be able to name some 2D shapes. For example, circle, square, triangle, rectangle.

### **Physical Development:**

- To be able to hold a pen or pencil with a comfortable grip.
- To be able to recognise our names and write some of the letters from our name.

## **February Half Term Holiday Home Learning**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Here are some activities that you could do with your child over the half term holiday.

- We have learnt the following letters and sounds so far this year:

**s, a, t, i, p, n, c, k, e, h, r, m**

Please revise these letters and sounds with your child. Encourage them to think of words that begin with these sounds. E.g. k for kite etc.

- We have been learning to count from 1-10. Next half term we will also be learning to write numbers. Encourage your child to count various things in and around your home. E.g. count how many stairs there are, how many socks there are in your laundry basket or how many plates/ bowls you have in your cupboard.
- We have been working very hard to learn to recognise and write our names. Please help your child to learn to write their name if they are still finding this difficult. If your child can write their name, please encourage them to use the correct letter formation. We will be assessing whether your child can recognise and write their name, after the half term break.
- We have been reading lots of 'bear' stories this half term. Encourage your child to share their favourite bear story with you. Can your child retell their favourite bear story in their own words? Can they draw a picture of the characters in the story? The Nursery staff would love to see your child's drawings!
- Please share any 'Wow/ Magic Moments' that you may have during the half term holiday. Upload any photos or videos on to Tapestry. Alternatively, you may email your child's class teacher with photos.

**We break up for half term on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
We return to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

The Nursery Team would like to wish you all a happy and safe half term holiday.