

newsletter - basingstoke

January 2026

happy new year

Please see below the exciting events that took place in the nursery last term and also a list of fun upcoming events to look forward to. We are happy to announce Sally-Anne O'Regan as the new Nursery Manager. She will be introducing herself to parents over the next couple of weeks.

diwali

To celebrate, parents were invited to join in a variety of creative activities and made Diya lamps, Mehndi patterns and Rangoli art.

autumn wonderland

The children welcomed in the new season by taking walks around the local area. Children found conkers and acorns and brought them back to nursery.

pizza making

Beenies made pizza using spoons and sometimes their fingers.

halloween

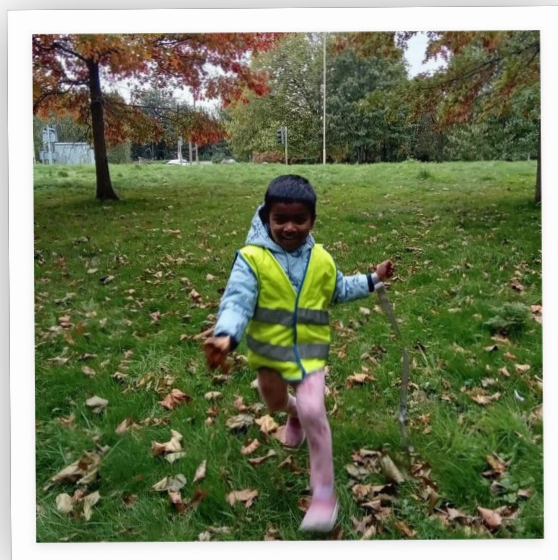
Children enjoyed carving their pumpkins for Halloween, followed by dancing and a party tea.

the king's birthday

Children celebrated the King's Birthday in November by engaging in lots of activities and games. They made crowns, tea party decorations, messy activities and dancing games with balloons, followed by a Royal Tea.

remembrance day

Children painted poppies.





Christmas jumper day, parties and performances

Pre-School children showed off their singing skills, performing their favourite 6 Christmas Songs including 3 mince pies, Jingle Bells and We Wish you a Merry Christmas. They then enjoyed a Christmas fun-filled party, where they decorated biscuits, ate party food, and used playdough to create a range of different Christmas characters.

Toddlers had a great time at their performance, making Christmas Cookies, enjoying a party picnic and exploring Christmas playdough. Children showed off their singing skills through performing their favourite Christmas songs, Jingle Bells was definitely a favourite.

Children celebrated Christmas Jumper Day by dressing in their festive jumpers and outfits! Babies have also been fascinated by the different sensory aspects of Christmas, exploring the Christmas Tree and different decorations too.





upcoming events

january

- 20th – Take a Walk Outdoors Day – Parents are invited to join the nursery on a bird watch walk, 10-11 (be at the nursery by 9:50am). Please email the nursery to book in
- 26th – Australia Day – Parents are invited in for a craft session, 3-4pm where we also will have a small buffet available. Please email the nursery to book in
- 27th – International Chocolate Day – between 4:30pm and 6pm there will be chocolate cake available for a small donation for MCKS
- 29th Jan - Puzzle Day - could all parents please email photos to the nursery as we will be creating individual puzzles for the children
- 30th – National Croissant Day - Small change to menu as children will be having croissants for AM snack
- 31st January to 8th February – National Story Telling Week, please email the nursery to book in for a slot to come and read to a small group of children. Also look out for staff reading stories on social media to share with your child!

february

- 9th – National Pizza Day - Small change to menu as children will be having pizza for tea
- 13th – Valentines Day – Valentines breakfast, 8am-9am, for parents. please email the nursery to book in
- 17th – Pancake Day - Small change to menu as children will be having pancakes for PM snack
- 17th February to 3rd March – Chinese New Year - Menu change for the week (will be shared nearer the time) for children to enjoy and experience some Chinese dishes
- 21st – International Mother Language Day – please email the nursery to book in for a slot to come and sing/read a story to a small group of children in your mother tongue

march

- 4th – Holi festival – Its going to be a colourful day with a colour craft session, 10am-11am. please email the nursery to book in
- 5th – World Book Day – Dress up as your favourite book character
- 6th – International Woman's Day – All our fabulous mums, do not forget to pick up your treat as you drop your child in the morning
- 13th March – Mother's Day – Tea part for all our fabulous mums and grandmothers, 2:30-3:30pm. please email the nursery to book in
- 17th – St Patrick's Day – Dress in green and please look out for our green station selling green treats between 7:30am -8:30am for a small donation for MCKS

april

- 1st – National Walking Day – The children will be doing a sponsored walk to raise money for MCKS
- 10th – National Sibling Day – please email the nursery to book in for a stay and play session with your child's sibling, between 10-11am. (Maximum age 8 years)
- 11th – National Pet Day – Please send in any pet photos for your child to share by 1st April
- 23rd – St George's Day – Tea party, 3:15-4:15pm, please email the nursery to book in





session times

A reminder that the AM session finishes by 1pm and the afternoon and full day session ends at 6pm. If you require the early morning drop off or the evening late pick up then you must book this termly in advance. Please can we ask that you pick up your children promptly at the end of their session.

appropriate clothing

Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather, including waterproofs and wellies when needed as we will go outdoors in all weathers.

toys

Can we please remind you that children should not be bringing any toys from home into the nursery as we are not responsible for these items and they could get broken or misplaced.

funding

Funding forms – You need to ensure they are given back to the nursery by the 23rd of January. If we do not have these your funding could be affected.

dougie's diary

A reminder that our children's books Dougie's Diary are available to purchase from the nurseries or from our website. There are 5 titles available including Daisy Comes Home and Thankyou Day. Please speak to the Nursery Manager if you would like to purchase any of these.

our charity

Our Nursery Owner **Mandy Khaira** is a Trustee of the MCKS Charitable Foundation UK. Therefore, our nurseries actively fundraise and support the charity throughout the year in various ways. If you have fundraising ideas or would like to support our events then please speak to the Nursery Manager.

Our fundraising page on Just Giving is: www.justgiving.com/page/mandy-khaira-1716139054126

Best wishes

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