

# newsletter - basingstoke

May 2026

We are looking forward to the Summer term ahead, with lots of activities planned.

## nursery walk

To celebrate 'Take a Walk Outdoors Day', the staff, children and parents went for a walk around the local area spotting birds and trees.

## australia day

Parents and children took part in a range of messy play and craft activities during our 'Australia Day' Party. These included drawing their own Australian animals, creating playdough food for the BBQ's and finding animals in the green gloopy swamp. They also had an Australian themed tea, including hot dogs and fairy bread.

## puzzle day

Pre-School used family photos to create their own puzzles, showing great pride when they were able to match the full picture together. Toddlers created puzzles using animal pictures.

## croissant day

The children filled croissants with a range of different fillings, including fruit and spreads and then enjoyed them for their snack.

## the gruffalo

The Gruffalo was book of the month in February. Pre-School children created Gruffalo headbands and pretended to be The Gruffalo stomping their way around the nursery.

## national pizza day

On National Pizza Day Babies made pizza for tea. They spread the tomato paste and added on toppings of their choice.

## valentines breakfast

The children and parents joined us for Valentine's Day Breakfast. They enjoyed a range of pastries and fruits, as well as engaging in a range of themed activities.



### panCake day

For Pancake Day the children enjoyed a pancake snack with fruits and chocolate spread. They were able to make choices selecting their toppings.

### Chinese new year

To celebrate Chinese New Year there was a Chinese themed meal for lunch time, which included sweet and sour chicken and prawn crackers. Children also took part in craft activities creating hats to wear and lanterns for the table.

### national fairy tale day

Babies explored a range of messy play relating to one of their favourite stories - A Squash and a Squeeze. They explored the different textures relating to the soil and the straw, and they were able to hold up the animals which matched the story.

### celebrating holi

During the celebration of Holi, the children have been taking part in lots of colourful activities, including playdough, rice and painting.

### world book day

The children dressed up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day.

### st patrick's day

During National Plant a Flower Day, the children planted their own seeds.

### national plant a flower day

Parents joined us at the nursery and enjoyed a breakfast treat. The children engaged in a range of activities including making Shamrocks, and explored a range of messy play activities. Thank you to our parents who attended and donated towards the MCKS charity.

### eid al-fitr

For the celebration of Eid Al-Fitr we created Henna patterns. Families were invited in for a party to celebrate in the afternoon.

### easter activities

There have been lots of activities taking place for the Easter celebration including an Easter Egg Hunt and a tea party.



## upcoming events

### may

- 15th - National Baking Day - The rooms will be having a 'bake off'. Parents will have an opportunity to vote for their winner on Facebook as well as buying a slice of cake from 4pm. All money raised will go towards MCKS
- 22nd - Elmer Day - Children and staff to wear colourful clothing

### june

- 5th - National Gingerbread Day - Rooms will be making gingerbread biscuits to sell to parents for donations for MCKS from 4pm
- 12th - National Flag Day - Parents to make flags with their children - these can either be their own creation or flags from home countries, children to bring in to nursery for show and tell
- 22nd - The King's Birthday - The menu will be changing for the children to engage in a Royal Tea Party
- 19th - Father's Day - Stay and Play session with all the Dad's and Grandad's, 2:30pm-4pm. Please email the nursery to book in
- 29th - Babies Sports Day 10:15am - 11:15am - more details to follow
- 30th - Toddler's Sports Day - 10:15am - 11:15am - more details to follow



## july

- 6th - Pre-School Sports Day - 10:15am - 11:15am - more details to follow
- 7th - World Chocolate Day - Look for our chocolate made items that we will be selling after 4pm to raise money for MCKS
- 10th - Pre-School Graduation. For all our school leavers we will be hosting a Graduation, 2:30-4pm at Church Cottage
- 20th - National Ice Cream Day - There will be an Ice Cream Stand from 4pm to raise money for MCKS
- 24th - Parent's Day - Parents are invited in for breakfast and a menu will be shared for orders to be taken, this will be 8-9am. Please email the nursery to book a place.

## april

- 4th - National Chocolate Chip Day - Cookies will be available throughout the day on drop off and pick ups, all donations will go to MCKS

## save the date

- Toddler Christmas performance - Tuesday 15th December 2026
- Pre-School Christmas performance - Wednesday 16th December 2026





### nursery closure

We are extremely happy that September 2026 marks our 15 year anniversary as a company. We will have a number of celebrations in the nurseries with children and parents leading up to this. We would like to remind you that the nursery will be closed on Tuesday 1st September 2026 so that we can celebrate with our staff team.

We understand the importance of forward planning for families and hope that this early notification will allow you sufficient time to make any necessary arrangements. Please be assured that full time children will be given a refund for this day and for all other children they will be offered an alternative session for this closure.

### appropriate clothing

Can all parents please make sure they provide appropriate clothing for their children, this includes sun hats, wellies and coats.

### absence

If your child is going to be absent from the nursery, please ensure that you let the nursery know by 10am on the day as for safeguarding reasons we have to account for all absences.

### 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.

Best wishes

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