

newsletter - basingstoke

September 2026

ducklings

The ducks eggs arrived and started hatching very quickly. Our Pre-School children were eagerly watching the eggs, and were lucky enough to be there when one started to hatch. The children couldn't wait to give one of the ducklings a name and they decided on Bluey.

zoo lab

Our Pre-School and Toddler children had a visit from Zoo Lab and got the chance to meet some animals up close, these included a snake, African land snail, millipede, tarantula, and a frog.

The visit was made even more special as it took place on Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday, giving the children a wonderful opportunity to celebrate wildlife, nature, and the world around them, just as he has inspired generations to do.

national baking day

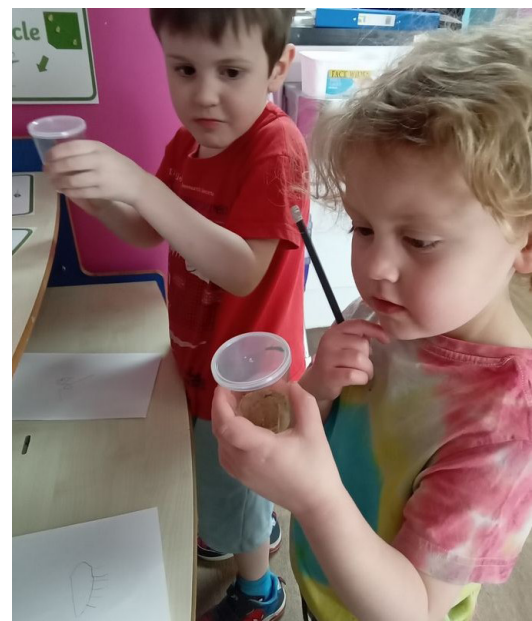
To celebrate National Baking Day, the nursery held their own Baking Competition. The children and staff worked together to bake some amazing cakes to sell to the parents. The overall winner was Pre-School who baked cakes based on the Colour Monster Stories and we raised a total of £23.82 for MCKS.

caterpillars and butterflies

During the month of May, the book of the month was A Very Hungry Caterpillar. To extend this learning, we welcomed live caterpillars into the nursery, giving the children the opportunity to observe the life cycle. The children watched the caterpillars transform into chrysalises and eventually emerge as butterflies.

elmer day

To celebrate Elmer Day, the staff and children dressed up in bright and colourful clothing inspired by Elmer the Patchwork Elephant from the story.



the kings birthday

The children enjoyed a Royal Tea Party to celebrate the King's Birthday. They made their own crowns and flags. The children had lots of fun role-playing and celebrating together.

graduation

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our wonderful families for your continued support throughout your child's nursery journey and for joining us to celebrate this very special milestone. It was lovely to see so many of you at our graduation ceremony, helping to make the day so memorable for the children.

sports day

All of the children have been taking part in Sports Day, and it has been a great opportunity for them to build on their physical skills and confidence. The Babies explored tunnels by crawling through them, Toddlers practised their ball skills, and Pre-School took part in a range of team challenges.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended to support the children. Your encouragement and enthusiasm helped make the events extra special, and we appreciate your continued support.

national parents day

We welcomed our families into the nursery for a special breakfast with their children to celebrate National Parents Day. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the morning such an enjoyable event.





upcoming events

september

- 4th - International Day of Charity – Guess how many sweets are in the jar - £1 a go and all money raised will go to MCKS
- 7th – National Read a Book Day – Children to bring in their favourite books to read with their peers
- 9th – Teddy Bear Day – Children to bring in their favourite bear for a teddy bear picnic
- 11th – Grandparents Day – All grandparents are welcome in for breakfast, 7:30-9am. To book please email the nursery
- 29th – National Coffee Day – Coffee morning outside nursery until 9:30am – all donations will go towards MCKS

november

- 6th – Diwali – Stay and play session for parents, 9:30am-11:15am. To book please email the nursery
- 16th-20th – Road Safety Week – An outing will be arranged for the whole nursery for children to learn about road safety – date TBC dependent on weather

december

- 9th - Christmas Craft Morning – Parents are invited to join us for the morning to engage in some Christmas crafts from 9am to 11am. To book please email the nursery
- 10th - Christmas Jumper Day – All children and staff are invited to wear Christmas jumpers for the day
- 15th - Toddlers Christmas Performance – The Toddlers will be having their Christmas performance and party 2:30pm-4pm at Church Cottage - more details to follow
- 16th - Pre-School Christmas Performance – Pre-School will be having their Christmas performance and party, 2:30pm-4pm at Church Cottage - more details to follow
- 17th - Christmas Dinner – The children will be having Christmas dinner on this day with the staff.
- 18th - Babies Party – we will be celebrating Christmas with a party and special tea in the nursery from 2.30pm - 4pm. If you would like to attend please email the nursery
- 18th - Last day for funded only children
- 24th - Christmas Eve - nursery will close at 2pm

january

- 5th - First day back for funded only children



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

suitable clothing

Please ensure your child comes to nursery with appropriate clothing for the weather. This includes warm layers and waterproofs during colder or wetter weather, and suitable, lightweight clothing and sun hats during warmer weather.

toys from home

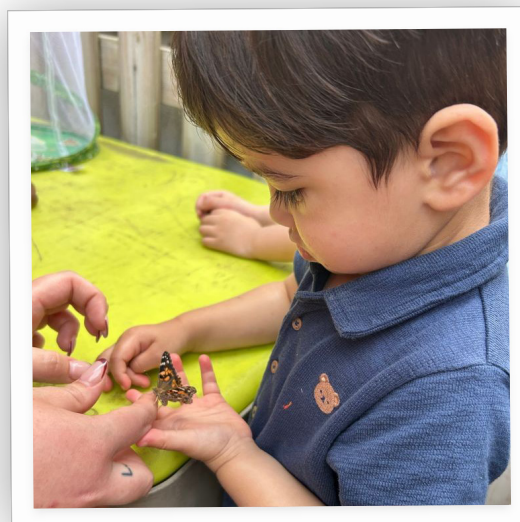
Please remember that toys from home should not be brought into nursery. If your child does bring in a toy, it is not the responsibility of nursery staff to look after it, and there is a risk that it may become lost or damaged.

funding forms

Funding forms have been sent out to all families claiming the Early Years Funding this term. If you have not already done so, please ensure that your completed forms are returned to nursery as soon as possible so we can process your funding correctly.

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.



Best wishes

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