

Newsletter

May 2025



Welcome to our May Newsletter, we hope you find it useful!

You will find lots more information on our website, so please do take the time to have a look: www.grasmerenursery.co.uk

Half-Term Holidays

Nursery is closed to term-time children from Monday 26th May to Monday 2nd June.

Nursery is open to all-year children from Tuesday 27th May to Friday 30th May.

Monday 2nd June is a staff training day so the nursery will be closed to all children.

All children return to nursery on Tuesday 3rd June.

This Half Term's Curriculum

0-3s (Purple, Red & Silver)

Purple

Next half term we will be looking after caterpillars and watching them grow and transform into butterflies, linking to our theme of 'Lifecycles'. We will also be decorating cards to celebrate Father's Day. Lots of our children will be moving to Red class in September, so these children will be visiting Red class with their key worker to meet staff and familiarise themselves with their new classroom. Please reach out to your child's keyworker if you have any questions. We will be having so much fun together in our last half term of this school year and look forward to lots of messy play, fun in the garden, musical movement and stories!

Red & Silver

We have a very busy and exciting half-term ahead of us. The theme will be 'Lifecycles', and our focus will be the lifecycle of a butterfly. The children will be receiving an exciting delivery of caterpillars in the post soon. They will be watching them grow and transform into beautiful butterflies! Our key text is 'Sleep Tight Very Hungry Caterpillar' and the key rhyme is 'Hickory Dickory'. The theme is 'Courage', and we will be creating opportunities for our children to be courageous. Roxy will continue with her brilliant music sessions with the children and we'll be carrying on with the lending library.

We have some upcoming events/festivals for your diaries. It is World Environment Day on 5th June and Eid al-Adha on 6th June. Shortly after, we will be celebrating Father's Day which is 15th June. The children will be enjoying many summer experiences too; nature hunts in the orchard, making lemonade and fruit salads, and an array of summer sensory trays! We are looking forward to Sports Day on 10th July and, as we near the end of the term, we will be inviting all parents/carers to join us for an end of year picnic in the orchard on 15th July.

3-5s (Yellow, Blue & Green)

We are fast approaching the last half term of this academic year, and are looking forward to having a fun time with your children before many of them leave for their next step to Infant/Primary School. The children will be learning all about their new Schools and we will be preparing them for this big transition. The children will be doing School visits to meet their new teachers and classrooms. If your child is having any worries or concerns, then please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher for advice or support. Not all our children will be leaving, so we will also be preparing these children for their return in September. Our theme is 'Lifecycles' and our Value is 'Courage'. The season is Summer.

Our key text is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. Our key rhyme is 'There's a Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf'.

Our vocabulary is 'different', 'lifecycles', 'courage', 'symmetrical', 'chrysalis' and 'similar'.

The children will be experiencing the lifecycle of a caterpillar first hand, by having our very own caterpillars and watching them develop and transform into beautiful painted lady butterflies. We will be learning about other lifecycles too, for example, frogs and ducks.

If you can share the book 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' at home with your child it would be wonderful to reinforce and embed what they are learning at school. If you haven't got the book, here is a link to share the story with your child:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY>

We will also be learning about courage for the children moving onto Primary/Infant school. The children will be taking part in Sport's Day during their session on Thursday 10th July (reserve day, in case of bad weather, is Friday 11th July) so please make sure your child comes dressed in appropriate running clothes and shoes on that day!

We hope you have a lovely half term break and will see you all on Tuesday 3rd June 2025.

Dates for your Diary

- Sports Day (for children only)
- – Thursday 10th July
- Reserve Sports Day – Friday 11th July
- Family Picnic in the Orchard (further details will be sent nearer the time) – Tuesday 15th July
- Reserve Picnic in the Orchard – 17th July



Summer/Hot Weather Reminders

Please ensure your child is always appropriately dressed for the weather.

Even when the weather is hot, please ensure your child has appropriate footwear for playing outdoors. Sliders and flip flops are not safe for climbing, running and nursery play.

During hot weather, please apply suncream to your child before they come to nursery. If your child stays all day, please provide us with a named bottle of suncream to leave at nursery and staff will re-apply after lunch.



May Half Term

Kids Eat Free or for £1:

<https://www.madeformums.com/school-and-family/kids-eat-free-may-half-term-2025/>

<https://www.tobycarvery.co.uk/offers/kids-eat-for-1pound#/>

Activity ideas:

<https://www.culturetrust.com/whats-on/may-half-term>

<https://www.primarytimes.co.uk/bedfordshire/listings/>

<https://www.flyingstartluton.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Flying-Start-Timetable-May-Half-Term-2025-1.pdf>

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/east/bedfordshire/luton>



Starting School in September 2025

For starting school parent transition resources, see the Flying Start website:

<https://www.flyingstartluton.com/preschool/parent-transition-resources/>

Luton Adult Learning will be running an online “Getting Ready for School” Workshop for Grasmere parents and carers. Please look out for our email giving further details. Enrolment will take place online on Wednesday 11th June at 9.30am and the course will run online for three Wednesdays from 25th June to 9th July.



Childcare Support for Working Families

As you may be aware, significant changes have been introduced recently with 15 and 30 hour childcare funding for working families. From September 2025, eligible working families of children over 9 months old can claim up to 30 hours. For more information, please speak to our Office or go to: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/



“Talk Pants”

As part of our 3-5s curriculum we use the NSPCC “Talk Pants” and “Pantosaurus”. Pantosaurus has helped 1.5 million parents ‘Talk PANTS’ and help keep their children safe from sexual abuse. Developed in consultation with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is aimed to help children understand their body belongs to them, and teach them that they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

Here are some links which you may find useful and information that you may wish to share with your child:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Pantosaurus song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LnroTxz7USI>

Pantosaurus book: <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/collections/pantosaurus/products/pantosaurus-and-the-power-of-pants>

Here is another link to another book which we have read to the children: “No Means No!”

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/No-Means-boundaries-empowering-respecting/dp/1925089223>

Please speak to your child’s Class Teacher if you need any further information.



Safeguarding

If you have any urgent concerns about the welfare of a child, please contact the Luton Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 01582 547653 or out of hours 0300 300 8123. For further information or to make a referral, please visit: [MASH referral](#)

Our safeguarding team work hard to safeguard all children. In line with our safeguarding procedures, please always let us know if your child has sustained an injury out of nursery. We will always ask parents/carers for an explanation and will also ask your child, if appropriate.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Barbara Tewe and our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Lois Robins, Kim Buttle, Anne Keenan and Vijith Vijay. If you have any concerns or need any help or support, please come and speak to one of us.



Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse can include controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence. If you need help, information or support please visit the Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Partnership website or see the links and numbers below - [BDAP](#)

24 Hour [National Domestic Abuse Helpline for Women](#) 0808 2000 247

[Men's Advice Line](#) 0808 8010 327 or [ManKind Initiative](#) 01823 334244

[LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline](#) 0800 999 5428

If you need to report domestic abuse call 101. If someone is in immediate danger, phone the police on 999

If you cannot speak, use the Silent Solution. Dial 999 from a mobile and press 55 when prompted by the operator

Mental health support can be sought from NHS 111, option 2. Samaritans on 116 123 or Mind on 0300 123 3393



Reminders

- To safeguard our children, please do not use your mobile phone, for any reason, whilst on the nursery premises.
- Please ensure that your child comes to nursery dressed appropriately to go outdoors whatever the weather.
- Please make sure all your child's clothes are named, including outdoor coats, hats, scarves and gloves (their name written on the label is good enough and it is a good idea to put gloves on elastic through your child's coat sleeves).
- Please bring a bag with at least one full spare change of clothes in case of accidents – this can be left at nursery and please name the outside of all bags.
- Please ensure that your child does not bring in toys from home; it is always upsetting for them if they get lost or broken and they are safer at home.
- Please do not bring any water bottles to nursery – unless there are special circumstances which have been agreed with your Class Teacher/Room Lead.
- Please do not open the gate to your child's class. For the children's safety, the gates should only be opened by a member of staff.
- Please ensure your child is handed over to a member of staff on arrival at nursery.
- Please ensure that your child does not have any food, drinks or medication in their bags.
- Please note that we are a “**nut-free setting**”, please do not bring any foods containing nuts into nursery for any reason.
- As the weather improves, please always ensure your child is appropriately dressed for the weather. Shoes should be suitable for running and climbing.
- If necessary, sun cream should be applied before coming to nursery and if your child stays for the whole day, then staff will reapply it after lunch. Please leave a named bottle of sun cream at nursery for your child.

