

Newsletter

July 2025



Welcome to the last Newsletter of this academic year. 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

Summer Holidays

The last day of term for all children is Tuesday 22nd July
The whole nursery is closed from Wednesday 23rd July to Tuesday 5th August
Nursery is open to year-round children and those who have pre-booked holiday club during weeks commencing 6th, 11th, 18th and 26th August.
Nursery re-opens for all returners on Wednesday 3rd August
Please see our website for next year's term dates: [Grasmere Academic Calendar](#)

This Half Term's Curriculum

0-3s

As we come to the end of another fantastic academic year, we wanted to highlight some of the most memorable moments from our journey together. This year was filled with fun, learning, and celebrations that brought joy to children, staff, and families alike!

Hibernation Day – Cosy Learning Adventures - We began the year with Hibernation Day, where the children explored the fascinating world of hibernating animals. From reading stories to crafting cosy dens, it was a day full of warmth and wonder!

Celebrating Festivals – Diwali, Christmas and Eid - Our children took part in the colourful celebrations of Diwali, Christmas and Eid. Whether it was decorating the classroom, exchanging festive cards, or learning about the significance of each holiday, it was a beautiful way to appreciate different cultures and traditions.

Santa's Magical Visit- Christmas was extra special this year, with a surprise visit from Santa! He chatted with the children, took photos, and sang a Christmas song with everyone. The excitement and joy filled the air as Santa spread cheer around the school.

Pizza-Making and Baking Adventures - In our hands-on activities, the children had a blast making pizzas, baking apple crumble, and creating lime cheesecake! Not only did they learn cooking skills, but they also enjoyed tasting their delicious creations with friends.

Music with Roxy - Our music sessions with Roxy brought rhythm, song, and plenty of smiles! From learning new instruments to singing along to catchy tunes, students discovered their musical talents in fun, interactive sessions.

The Magic of Butterflies - This year we witnessed the incredible transformation of caterpillars into butterflies. Watching nature's miracle unfold before our eyes was a truly magical experience for everyone involved.

Sports Day in the Orchard - We wrapped up the year with an energetic Sports Day in the orchard! Children participated in fun games and challenges, cheering for each other and showing off their athletic skills in our beautiful outdoor setting.

As we look back on these special moments, we're filled with gratitude for the wonderful memories made this year. Here's to another year of learning, laughter, and adventure ahead!

3-5s

We cannot believe this year is coming to an end. We have had such a lovely year with your children. Throughout the year we have kept our Grasmere Grassroot Goals at the heart of everything we have been doing:

- Unique Child and inclusivity
- Love of books and language
- Values and well-being
- Our natural environment

With the use of our themes, values and key texts the children have learnt so much. We celebrated the values of happiness, friendship and love, with songs and talking about special times and people. We have celebrated many festivals and events including Eid, Diwali, Christmas, Easter, St George's Day and St Patrick's Day. We remembered the veterans, as well as the soldiers and animals, who lost their lives in wars on Remembrance Day.

The children have been very interested in the lifecycle of the butterfly, and experiencing it first-hand has helped this knowledge to embed. It was an amazing experience for the children to nurture the tiny caterpillars and then release their butterflies in the orchard.

We have also learnt about the lifecycle of a plant by doing lots of growing. This has made the children enthusiastic to water and care for them. We have even tried some of the food we have grown, like cress and cucumber. The children have experienced a range of cooking activities, making cheese pinwheels, pizza, butterfly and caterpillar cakes and decorating biscuits. We continued to visit the elderly ladies and gentlemen at Little Bramingham Farm; they look forward to us performing songs and rhymes and chatting to them afterwards. This has helped to support our local community. We talked about animals hibernating and what we did to get the tortoises ready. We then watched them wake up in the warm weather. One of our most memorable days at Nursery was World Book Day, when we came to school as our favourite book characters. We told stories to our friends, acted out our favourite parts and enjoyed seeing the Adults in their costumes too! We took part in the Big British Birdwatch, making bird feeders and binoculars then looking for the birds in the orchard. Outside, some of us have learnt how to ride a pedal and balance bike.

Families Returning in September

For those children who are returning in September, if you are moving class you will already have been notified of your new class and will need to go there when you return in September. All other returning children will go back to their existing class.



Silver Class will be relocating alongside Red Class and Purple Class will be relocating to the upper end of the nursery.

Please ensure all invoices are fully paid by the end of July. Any issues, please reach out to the office team asap.

Summer Holiday Activities

For summer holiday ideas, activities and support, please see the links below:

<https://familyhubs.luton.gov.uk/booking-events>

<https://place.stepforwardluton.co.uk/summer-holidays-kids-fun-on-a-budget-in-luton>

<https://mailchi.mp/28eab763adc1/e-luton-28-march-6218447?e=6a65bf0430>

<https://letsgowiththechildren.co.uk/places-to-go/luton/>

<https://www.venue360.co.uk/kids>

<https://www.culturetrust.com/venues/stockwood-discovery-centre>

<https://lutonsupportingyou.co.uk/about-us/>

<https://www.flyingstartluton.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Flying-Start-Timetable-Summer-Holidays-2025-2.pdf>



Grasmere Community Garden

As I am sure you will agree, the community garden in Grasmere park looks absolutely amazing this year. This is due to the hard work and dedication of all the volunteers.

Just a polite reminder to all families, please do not pick the fruit and vegetables from the garden, as it is not always ripe or ready.

The volunteers are always looking for extra help. If anyone wants to help care for the gardens in any way, and especially help with the watering over the Summer, please call 07908 759004.



Safeguarding



If you have any urgent concerns about the welfare of a child over the summer holidays, please contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 01582 547653 or out of hours 0300 300 8123.

For further information or to make a referral, please visit:

https://directory.luton.gov.uk/kb5/luton/directory/service.page?id=aJZE_OSgZfQ

Starting School Information

If your child is due to start Infans/Primary School in September, please see the following links for information, tips and advice:



https://www.flyingstartluton.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/123_1-FS-Ready-For-School-Parents-Guide_WEB.pdf

<https://startingreception.co.uk/useful-links/>

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/for-parents/be-school-ready>

<https://inourplace.co.uk/moving-up/>

<https://familyhubs.luton.gov.uk/youth-education>

Luton Family Hubs

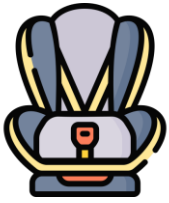
Luton Family Hubs is a town-wide partnership offering support to every family in Luton, whatever your experience or circumstances.

Family members have access to friendly, helpful professionals and local experts offering parent and child sessions, information, advice and guidance in one of the hubs near where you live. Alternatively, you can call or visit online:

<https://familyhubs.luton.gov.uk/>



Child Car Seats – The Law



We are regularly speaking to parents and carers who are not correctly restraining their children when travelling in cars. For the safety of your child, please **always** ensure your child is correctly restrained in a car. The law states that children must normally use a child car seat until they are 12 years old or 135cm tall, whichever comes first. You should choose the appropriate child car seat based on your child's height or weight. The same rules apply for children with disabilities or medical conditions, but they can use a disabled person's seat belt or a child restraint designed for their needs.

For further information, please see the Gov.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

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



Good Luck to everyone who is leaving



Goodbye and good luck to everyone who is leaving us to start School or go to a new setting in September. We thank you for all your support during your journey through Grasmere and wish you the very best of luck in the future. We will miss you all!

We look forward to seeing all our returners in September and wish you all a lovely Summer!

