

# Newsletter

## October 2025



Welcome to our October 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](http://www.grasmerenursery.co.uk)

### **Half-Term Holidays**

The nursery is closed for the October half-term holidays from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

## **Next Half Term's Curriculum**

### **0-3s**

#### **Purple Class**

We have had a lovely half-term getting to know all of our new children and helping them to settle into their new room. Hibernation Day, pumpkin carving and creating beautiful Diwali pictures has been the perfect finish to our last week! Next half-term we will celebrate Bonfire Night and Christmas, and will be crafting lots of fun, messy projects! Outside, the children will explore the environment as it gets colder and learn new vocabulary including "ice" and "frosty." Please ensure that your child has suitable outside clothes and shoes. Our music sessions with Roxy will continue on a Monday morning and this half-term, the children have loved exploring tambourines and bells. Lastly, we will be using our senses to explore some different fruits including berries, passionfruit and pear.  
We hope you all have a relaxing half-term.

#### **Red & Silver Classes**

We hope this newsletter finds you well. It's been a lovely start to the new term, and we would like to thank you for your continued support as we have welcomed many new children into Red and Silver Class. It has been wonderful to see them begin to settle and grow in confidence as they explore their new environment.  
This half term the children have enjoyed exploring and learning about Autumn. They have had the opportunity to visit the Orchard and go on a nature hunt; collecting leaves, conkers and pine cones. We also collected apples and made an apple crumble which we enjoyed eating for snack!  
The children have enjoyed celebrating Diwali; exploring the lights, colours and traditions. We have also learnt about hibernation; discovering how animals like tortoises and hedgehogs prepare for the winter months. The children have also enjoyed the weekly music sessions with Roxy.  
Next half term our key text is 'That's not my Hedgehog' and our key rhyme is 'Please and Thank you'. The theme is relationships and we will be encouraging the children to form good relationships with staff and form friendships with their peers. Roxy will continue with her brilliant music sessions with the children and we will be making our own musical instruments. The lending library will be starting up again this term.  
We look forward to a fun and festive time ahead; celebrating Christmas, where the children will be taking part in lots of seasonal activities and learning lots of new songs. There will also be a visit from Father Christmas.  
We hope you all have a lovely half term break!

### **3-5s**

#### **Yellow, Blue & Green Classes**

Wow the first term is nearly over. Our main focus this half term has been to settle your children and build strong relationships with them, as well as them doing the same with their peers. It is lovely to see how well your children are settling in this important transition from home to school.  
Our theme this half term has been 'feelings/emotions'. The season is 'autumn'. The value is 'caring'.  
Our key texts have been: 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. Here is a video that you can watch with your child:  
<https://vimeo.com/55971653> The story helps children to understand that their parents will always come back to pick them up, as well as introducing the Autumn season.  
'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas is a lovely book to share with your child to help them understand different emotions. Please see the link if you would like to purchase it: <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Colour-Monster-Anna-Llenas/dp/1783704233>  
Alternately, you could join a local library and borrow any of the books we share at school. Here is link if you would like to find your local library: <https://www.lutonlibraries.co.uk/digital-content/libraries/branch-information>



## Parking

Unfortunately, we have a small number of cars who park dangerously or inconsiderately when dropping or collecting children from nursery. We are working in conjunction with Luton Council Road Safety Team, and Parking Enforcement Officers do carry out regular patrols and will issue penalty notices to anyone parked in an illegal or dangerous manner.



We kindly ask that you do not park on the path outside the gate to our staff car park, the yellow keep clear zig-zag markings, block or obstruct residents' driveways or double park on Grasmere Road or Wycombe Way, as this makes it impossible for the emergency services to drive through. We appeal to anyone who drops or collects children from nursery, to park in a safe and legal manner, ensuring the safety of everyone.

## 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:  
[Bedfordshire Domestic Abuse Partnership](#)

## Luton Adult Learning Workshops

We will be running a number of workshops/courses during this academic year.

Luton Adult Learning will be running the first workshop "Understand and Manage Anxiety in Children". This is free to attend and will take place online. Enrolment will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November and the course will run for four Wednesdays. Further details have been sent by email.

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## 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.



For further information, please go to: [Gov.uk - Child Car Seats](#)

## Support and Half Term Ideas

Please see the links below for activities, ideas and 'kids eat free' information:

[Luton Supporting You](#)  
[Luton Culture Trust](#)  
[Halloween Storytelling](#)  
[Family Hubs](#)  
[Flying Start](#)  
[Flying Start Half-Term](#)  
[Timetable](#)  
[Togetherness - pathway library \(use code HATTERS\)](#)  
[School Holiday Activities](#)  
[Woodside Farm](#)  
[Money Maggie](#)  
[Kids Eat Free](#)



## Online Safety

For online safety in early years, parents should supervise young children's device use, set clear boundaries and family agreements for screen time, and use parental controls to filter content. Parents should also model safe behavior, have open conversations about online risks, and stay involved by using technology with their child and placing devices in common areas like the living room. For further advice and tips, see the following links:

[NSPCC - Keeping Children Safe Online](#)  
[Internet Matters 0-5 Advice](#)  
[Barnado's Support for Parents](#)  
[Childnet Help and Advice](#)  
[Safer Internet.org Guide & Resources](#)  
[Conspiracy Theories & Disinformation](#)  
[BBC - Disinformation vs Misinformation](#)  
[BBC - Conspiracy Theories](#)



## Reminders

- Please note that we are a "nut-free setting", please do not bring any foods containing nuts into nursery, particularly in packed lunches.
- Please ensure you have returned the letter requesting your choice of lunch options.
- 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 appropriately dressed 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 or door to your child's class. For the children's safety, the gates should only be opened by a member of staff.
- Please ensure that your child does not have any food, drink or medication in their bags.

