

# Newsletter

## December 2025



Welcome to our December 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)

### **Christmas Holiday**

The last day of term is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Nursery re-opens to all children on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January.

For holiday dates for the rest of this academic year, see the calendar on our website: [Grasmere Academic Calendar](#)

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

### **0-3s (Purple, Red and Silver Rooms)**

**Purple Room** – Merry Christmas everyone! We hope you have a lovely break.

Next half term we will be celebrating Chinese Lunar New Year (the year of the fire horse!) by tasting some delicious new foods and creating beautiful horse pictures. We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day and reading lots of stories centred around love, as well as baking some yummy biscuits. Outside, we will continue to explore the changing seasons so please ensure your child comes to nursery in a warm coat and suitable clothing! As always, Purple Class will be filled with lots of messy play, dancing and fun!

#### **Red and Silver Rooms**

The children have had a really busy half term participating in lots of lovely Christmas activities, especially enjoying the visit from Father Christmas.

When we return in January, our theme will be 'People Who Help Us'. We will be learning about firefighters, doctors, nurses and dentists. Our value will be 'Love'. Our key text is 'Spot Goes To The Fire Station' and our key rhyme is 'The Wheels On The Bus'. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year and Valentine's Day.

We look forward to creating new learning opportunities and experiences to support your child's learning and development. We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

### **3-5s (Yellow, Blue and Green Rooms)**

This half term has really flown by, the children are all settled and beginning to make friendships with their peers, as well as taking part in a range of different and fun activities. They have had a lovely time in the build up to Christmas, making cards, calendars, decorations and baking too. I hope they have shared with you the Christmas songs they have learnt. The children were also thrilled to see our special visitor 'Father Christmas' and receive a lovely gift from him. I hope you enjoy sharing the book together at home. On Wednesday we were very lucky to have Year 2 children from Warden Hill Infant School come to visit. Our children loved listening to them sing Christmas songs and we even sang one for them too. The children are very excited for the party and it will be a lovely end of term celebration.

Next half term our theme is 'People Who Help Us'. Our value is 'Love'. The Season is Winter/Spring. Our Key text is "All You Need is Love" by Emma Chichester Clark. If you would like to share this book with your child at home, please follow the link:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/All-You-Need-Love-Plumdog/dp/085755199X/ref=tmm\\_hrd\\_swatch\\_0](https://www.amazon.co.uk/All-You-Need-Love-Plumdog/dp/085755199X/ref=tmm_hrd_swatch_0)

Our Key Rhyme is "Miss Polly Had a Dolly", here are 'The Wiggles' singing you the song. I hope you can join in too:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rXgH5odO2o>

If you would like to come in and speak to the children about your job, we would love to hear from you. This will help to reinforce what the children are learning about different occupations and all professions are welcome. Please contact reception or email [admin@grasmere.nurseryluton.com](mailto:admin@grasmere.nurseryluton.com) if you would like to come in.

The Big British Bird Watch takes place on 23rd-26<sup>th</sup> January. We will be learning about different British Birds, their habitat and making bird feeders. We will then go into the Orchard to look for different types of birds and see how many we can count. Here is the link below if you would like to join in at home: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>

Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – further information will be sent out nearer the time.

9-15<sup>th</sup> February is Children's Mental Health week. The children will be taking part in Mindfulness, Yoga and many other fun activities. The theme this year is 'This is my Place'. Here is the link if you want to learn more about helping your child and family to feel that they belong: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

## Starting School in September 2026

(for children born between 01/09/2021-31/08/2022)

If your child turns four years old on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026, you need to apply for an Infant/Primary school place by **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**. Please see the "Starting School" page on our website: [Grasmere Nursery-Starting School](#) or Luton Council's starting school website for further information:



**Admissions Starting School Information**  
**All applications MUST be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January.** If you have any questions please speak to Lois or Bethany.

## Christmas Activity Ideas

- <https://www.meadopenfarm.co.uk/events/view/christmas-at-mead-open-farm>
- <https://www.culturetrust.com/whats-on/christmas-culture-trust>
- <https://lutonpoint.co.uk/news-events/countdown-to-christmas-at-luton-point/>
- <https://place.stepforwardluton.co.uk/events/category/christmas>
- <https://freetimewiththekids.com/christmas-whats-on-events-guide-bedfordshire/>



## Session/Gate Times

A reminder of our session and gate opening times:

- Morning session starts at 8.45am (gate open until 9.05am)
- Morning session finishes at 11.45am (gate open until 11.50am)
- Afternoon session starts at 12.30pm (gate open until 12.35pm)
- 3pm collection - for parents with children at School (gate open until 3.05pm)
- Afternoon session finishes at 3.30pm (gate open until 3.35pm)



Unless your child attends breakfast club, **all morning children should be here at 8.45am**. If you have older children to take to school then the gate is open until 9.05am for this reason only.

We ask that you are always on time when dropping and collecting your child, as this can impact on their learning and wellbeing. If you are going to be inadvertently late for any reason when collecting your child, please always call the office to let us know.

## Ready to Work Help



Struggling to find a job? Are health conditions, disabilities or personal disadvantages holding you back? The Connect to Work programme may be able to help. Please see the link below for further information:

<https://www.southmidlands.org.uk/connect-to-work/>

## 30 Hour Code Reminder

If you are claiming 30 hours 'Free Childcare for Working Parents', please don't forget that you must renew your 30 hour code for next term. This must be done before 31<sup>st</sup> December.



## 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](#). We work hard to safeguard your children whilst they are at nursery. If your child sustains any marks or injuries outside of nursery, please always let a member of staff know on arrival.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Barbara Tewe and our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Lois Robins, Kim Buttle, Obrene McBride and Karen Pearce. If you have any concerns or need any help or support, please 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 [BDAP](#), see the links and numbers below, or speak to Lois:

**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**



