

Newsletter

July 2026



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 Friday 17th July
Nursery re-opens for all returning children on Thursday 3rd September
Please see our website for next year's term dates: [Grasmere Academic Calendar](#)

School Fete

Thank you to everyone that bought raffle tickets, donated, contributed and attended our Fete.
We raised an amazing **£1,749.76** This money will be used to buy much needed resources for our children.

This Half Term's Curriculum

0-3s

Purple Class - What an exciting half-term we have had in Purple Class! The children thoroughly enjoyed looking after our caterpillars and watching them transform into butterflies, which we released in the orchard. We have stayed cool by making frozen banana lollies and investigating how water can be frozen into ice and watching it melt. The children also enjoyed playing with cornflour slime and new instruments, including a large drum and ukulele.

Outdoors, the children have helped to construct a new mud kitchen area and have enjoyed using herbs we have grown in delicious mud kitchen recipes! Some of our children have had lots of fun on visits to Red Class, where they will continue their journey at Grasmere in September. We wish you all a very happy and sunny summer holiday and look forward to seeing the children who are returning to Purple Class on 3rd September.

Red & Silver Classes - 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 - We started 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.

Cooking Fun - Our young chefs have had a fantastic time in the kitchen this term! They carefully measured, mixed and baked a delicious apple crumble, learning valuable cooking skills along the way. They also enjoyed making refreshing strawberry milkshakes, practising teamwork and following instructions while creating a tasty treat!

World Cup Celebrations - The excitement of the World Cup reached our classroom as we celebrated together with a range of football-themed activities. The children designed and decorated their own England flag biscuits, showing fantastic creativity and care. We also enjoyed discussing teamwork, sportsmanship, and cheering on our favourite teams while joining in the celebrations.

Summer Fete Success - A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fete. The event was a tremendous success and a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together. From exciting games and activities to delicious treats and smiling faces, it was a fantastic day enjoyed by all. Your generosity and support helped make the event so special.

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.

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

Well the year has nearly come to an end. We cannot believe how quick it has gone but we are so happy to see what wonderful progress your children have made. This half term they have learnt all about the lifecycle of a butterfly, through first hand experiences. They have loved watching the caterpillars grow, then going into a chrysalis and finally releasing the beautiful butterflies in our orchard. I hope they have shared with you at home what they have learnt.

We have been focusing on supporting the children who are moving onto infant/primary school, by sharing stories, learning how to dress and undress in school uniforms, looking at which friends they will be moving on with, and talking about any worries they may have. The teachers from most of the schools have also come to visit them in nursery. We have also spent time with the children who will be returning in September and talking about how they will be making lots of new friends.

We have been following the World Cup and cheering on all the different teams the children support. We have been playing our football matches in the orchard too. We will be enjoying a fun last couple of weeks by doing lots of fun activities and finishing with a goodbye party in the orchard on the last day of term.

We have thoroughly enjoyed having your lovely children and we wish them all the best for the future as they transition into school. For the children who will be returning in September, we cannot wait to welcome them back and to continue supporting them to progress and develop further.

Have a wonderful summer.

Summer Holiday Activities

Feed the family for less:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/kids-eat-free/>

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://thelutonian.com/top-10-places-to-visit-in-luton-for-free/>

<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/>



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

Safeguarding

Starting School Information

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

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

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/how-to-prepare-your-child-for-primary-school>

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/preparing-for-school/>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-primary-school/>

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

<https://togetherness.co.uk/moving-up/> (Use the access code 'HATTERS' to access training)



Toilet Training

Research shows it's best for your child's bowel and bladder health to stop using nappies between 18 and 30 months. Even if your baby or child has SEND, you don't need to wait to start toilet training. Toilet training is about learning skills, and these can be taught with extra help and/or a clear routine. The longer you wait, the harder it can be for your child to learn the new routine and feel confident without nappies. Toilet training happens over time and children can practise sitting on a potty or toilet from when they can sit up independently - summer holidays can often be the perfect time to start. For advice or guidance see the links below or speak to Lois:

[Toilet Training Guide](#)

[NHS advice](#)

[Eric toilet training guide](#)

[Eric - toilet training children with SEND](#)

[Institute of Health Visiting guidance](#)



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



Staff Changes

We are very sad to say goodbye to Sarah Whittaker, Nicola Powell, Zobia Chaudary and Cristina Vasilica.

Sarah has been a big part of Grasmere for 26 years and will be sorely missed by us all.

We also wish Nicola, Zobia and Cristina the very best of luck in their new ventures. We will miss them all and wish them the very best of luck for the future



Good Luck to all our families who are leaving



Goodbye and good luck to all the families who are 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 Nursery, 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 break!

Access to dental services

Oral health advice

FREE Dental pop-up under 10s clinic

If your child is in pain, please call 111 for advice, and do not attend

Wednesday 22 July
1pm to 4.30pm
Park Town Family Hub LU1 3DU

Free toothbrush & paste for all

Activities for children

Obex Dental Flying Start part of BEST START IN LIFE Luton Family Hubs Luton

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Tuesday 18 August
9am to 12.30pm
Central Family Hub LU1 2NG

Free toothbrush & paste for all

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Art for Wellbeing

Activity sessions for families

Come and join us for some exciting art activities in Arndale House during the Summer holidays, by signing up to one of our free* family learning activity sessions.

The sessions are aimed at children aged 4-7 years old and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Workshops are taking place on:

Wednesdays

22 July, 29 July, 5 August and 12 August

Space: Navigating Friendships

starts at 1pm and finishes at 3pm

Thursdays

23 July, 30 July, 6 August and 13 August

Weather: Noticing Feelings

starts at 10am and finishes at 12pm

Luton Adult Learning, Arndale House

Places must be booked in advance by emailing: familylearning@lutonac.l.ac.uk

For more information visit: www.lutonac.l.ac.uk/news-events/

Materials will be provided but if you have any spare recyclable boxes please bring them with you.

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*eligibility applies (You will need to show that you are a resident in the UK. You will need to bring either your passport or driving licence, National Insurance number and proof of address.