

# November Newsletter

Term Dates and Upcoming Events	
November 4 <sup>th</sup> 2024	First day of term 2- funding begins
November 8 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Ladybirds Stay and Play
November 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2024	Bumblebees Stay and Play
December 13 <sup>th</sup> 2024	Last day of term 2
December 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Christmas Lunch
December 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Caterpillars & Dragonflies Stay and Play
December 16 <sup>th</sup> 2024- January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2025	Christmas Break- <b>No Funding</b>
December 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Christmas Eve <b>Nursery Closed at 2pm</b>
December 25 <sup>th</sup> 2024- January 1 <sup>st</sup> 2025	Christmas Holidays- <b>Nursery Closed</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2025	Nursery Reopens 8am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	First day of term 3- Funding Begins
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Last day of funding for term 3
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February-Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Half Term- <b>No Funding</b>
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	First day of term 4- Funding Begins
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Last day of funding for term 4
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March- Friday 18 April 2025	<b>No Funding</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Good Friday- <b>Nursery Closed</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Easter Monday- <b>Nursery Closed</b>
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	First day of term 5- Funding Begins
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Ealy May Bank Holiday- <b>Nursery Closed</b>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Last day of funding for term 5
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Late May Bank Holiday- <b>Nursery Closed</b>
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May-Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Half Term- <b>No Funding</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Frist day of term 6 Funding Start
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Last day of funding for term 6
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July 2025- Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2025	Summer Holidays- <b>No funding</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	August Bank Holiday- <b>Nursery Closed</b>

## Christmas Break

**Monday December 16th, 2024- Friday January 3rd, 2025**

Funding will **not** be applied to fees over this period and any children who are on term time only contracts will not be booked to attend. If you require your term time only child to attend the week of the 16<sup>th</sup> December please get in touch as soon as possible so that we can look at our availability for you. Please note that the nursery will also be closed from **2pm Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** up to and including **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of January**. We will be back open as normal from 8am on Thursday January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025.

## Primary School Applications

**Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2020 & 31 Aug 2021???**

Primary school applications will open from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2024 via the Kent county website <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>. All applications must be submitted by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2025. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to a member of staff.

# Children in need Pyjama Day!

As part of this years children in need fundraiser we will be holding a pyjama day on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. If you would like to make a donation to children in need there will be QR code posters available at each of our entrances.



## Packed Lunches

Please can we remind all parents to follow our packed lunch policy.

Lunches should **NOT** include-  
Chocolate bars- Twix/Mars etc.

Sweets

Juice/Fizzy Drinks

**Nuts, Nut Products or any items that may contain nuts**



## Sandwiches should not include

Sweet spread fillings- Jam/Honey/Nutella  
Nut Spreads- Peanut butter, almond butter etc.  
Salty Fillings such as Marmite



For further information relating to your child's packed lunch please see our packed lunch policy which can be found on our website or from our administrator.



## Outside Wear & Spare Clothes



With the Autumn weather creeping in and winter just around the corner, could you please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing for the garden and outdoor play. This may include jackets, wellies, hats, spare clothes, and/or all in one rain coats if necessary

We like to get the children out even in inclement weather and don't want anyone to miss out.

Could you also please ensure that you send in at least two changes of clothing for your little one including socks and underwear. We love to get the children involved in messy play and want to ensure they always have something warm and comfortable to change into afterwards if needed.

Lastly could any borrowed clothing please be returned to the nursery so that we have extras on hand should another child need them.





## Ladybirds (Babies)



Room Leader: Ciara  
Supervisor: Hayley

Practitioner: Stephanie  
Practitioner: Courtney

Apprentice: Amber  
Apprentice: Renee

### Books of the Month

- That's not my pumpkin
- Spot goes to the farm

### Songs of the Week

- \* Five Little Ducks
- \* Twinkle Twinkle Little Star
- \* Baa Baa Black Sheep
- \* It's Raining, It's Pouring

### Themes & Activities

- Bonfire Night: 5<sup>th</sup> November- Babies will explore colours and contrasting colours
- World Number Day: 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November- We will be reading Five Little Ducks to help celebrate this and will also be having a dress up day on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**. We invite your little one to attend dressed up as either a duck or in yellow.
- Remembrance Day: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will explore and remember the fallen by creating our own poppies and through a variety of messy play activities.

We would like to continue to get out into our garden whenever possible as it is an important part of baby development. However with winter coming it will start to get colder and more wet. Please could we kindly ask that if possible you provide an all in one or waterproof puddle suit and lots of changes of clothes so we can continue to enjoy the outdoors.



## Bumblebees (Toddlers)



Room Leader: Ellie  
Practitioner: Stephen

Practitioner: Emily  
Practitioner: Casey

Apprentice: Alyssa

### Books of the weeks

- Sparkly Playbook
- Room on the Broom
- Alien in your book
- Things that go

### Themes for the month

- Fireworks
- Autumn, Leaves & Pumpkins
- Winter Vegetable
- Space and the Night Sky

**Stay and Play:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 4:45-5:30pm- A sign up sheet will be available on the main door. We would kindly ask that only 1 adult per child attends as we only have 10 spaces available for this stay and play. We will be holding more in the future however for those that are unable to attend this time.

As the weather is changing and we are preparing for cold and wet days could we please ask that if possible children bring in named gloves, hats, wellies and puddle suits so that we can continue to enjoy our garden.



## Dragonflies



Room Leader: Leyla  
Supervisor: Demelza

Practitioner: Acacia  
Apprentice: Suzie

### Books of the weeks

- The Firecracker
- Ava's Poppy
- Stickman
- Ten Little Robots

**December 18<sup>th</sup>:** We will be joining up with the Caterpillars for a Christmas stay and play. There will be a sign up sheet available on our door closer to the date so please make sure to add your name if you wish to attend as spaces are limited. Could we also please ask that only 1 parent per child attends.

*Please could you ensure you are sending your child in with lots of spare clothes including socks, jumpers and a jacket. Please could you also ensure all items sent in are labelled with their names so we can get them returned.*



## Caterpillars



Room Leader: Sarah  
Supervisor: Lucie

Practitioner: Shay  
Apprentice: Molly

Apprentice: Avery  
Apprentice: Libby

### Books of the Weeks

- Whatever Next
- Poppy & the Blooms
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see
- Meet the Dinosaurs

### Themes of the month

- Fireworks
- Dinosaurs
- Space and Planets
- Road Safety

With the weather becoming increasingly cold and wet could you ensure you are sending your little one in with labelled weather appropriate clothes including coats, wellies, hats and gloves so that we can continue to get outside whenever possible.





## Butterflies



Room Leader: Stevie

QTS: Gosia

Practitioner: Keira

Apprentice: Hannah

Supervisor: Katy

Practitioner: Lainey

QTS: Summer

### Books & Themes of the week:

- It was a cold dark night
- The girl and the dinosaur
- Aliens in underpants save the world
- The dinosaur that pooped a planet

### Themes:

- Space/Planets
- Volcanoes
- Fireworks
- Dinosaurs

November 10<sup>th</sup>- World Science Day

November 15<sup>th</sup>- Children in Need PJ Day

WC November 19<sup>th</sup>- Road Safety Week

*Could we please ask that all clothes including coats, shoes/boots bags and lunch boxes are all labelled with your child's name. This will help us to ensure the correct items are returned to the child at the end of the day.*

### TAX Free Childcare

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare.

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, the government will pay £2 for every £8 you pay your childcare provider. This is paid via an online childcare account that you set up for your child.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both.

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

**Autumn is the second spring when every leaf is a flower.**

**-Albert Camus**





## Do you know who you can talk to?

If you have any queries or concerns, big or small, or you would like to talk to someone about your child. We are here to help!



**Ting Healey Owner-**  
Invoices, Funding,  
Sessions and FEES



**Emily Sargeant  
Setting Manager-**  
Designated Child  
Protection Officer,



**Emma Wilson Deputy  
Manager-** Special  
Educational Needs and  
Disability Officer, Deputy  
Designated Safeguarding



**Tracey Leighton Duty  
Manager-** Health and  
Safety Officer, Deputy  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Chloe Tidy Duty  
Manager-** Online  
Safety Co-Ordinator,  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



**Brenley Martin  
Administrator-** New  
Applications,  
Funding Support,  
Sessions and FEES

## *Community Support & Wellbeing Resources*

### Food & Essentials

The Salvation Army: [salvationarmy.org.uk/Folkestone](https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/Folkestone)

Hythe Pantry: [www.facebook.com/RainbowCentre01](https://www.facebook.com/RainbowCentre01)

Dover Pantry: [www.facebook.com/doverpantry](https://www.facebook.com/doverpantry)      [twitter.com/Doverpantry](https://twitter.com/Doverpantry)

Bechange Community Fridge: [www.bechange.org.uk/support-services/community-fridge](https://www.bechange.org.uk/support-services/community-fridge)

Folkestone Community Fridge: [www.facebook.com/Folkestonecommunityfridge](https://www.facebook.com/Folkestonecommunityfridge)

The Bread & Butter Thing (weekly food bags): [www.breadandbutterthing.org/members](https://www.breadandbutterthing.org/members)

Food Sharing Apps: OLIO (Connects neighbours with each other and local businesses)

Too Good to Go (Anti food waste app linked to local café's & restaurants)

### Financial Support

Help for Households: [www.helpforhouseholdscampaign.gov.uk](https://www.helpforhouseholdscampaign.gov.uk)

Cost of living Support: [www.gov.uk/cost-of-living](https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living)

Citizens Advice: [citizensadvice.org.uk/dept-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living](https://citizensadvice.org.uk/dept-and-money/get-help-with-the-cost-of-living)

Home Essentials in a Crisis: [kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/benefits/home-essentials-in-a-crisis](https://kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/care-and-support/benefits/home-essentials-in-a-crisis)

### Mental Health

NHS Psychological Therapies Service- [www.nhs.uk/services/mental-health/find-a-psychological-therapies-service](https://www.nhs.uk/services/mental-health/find-a-psychological-therapies-service) (Common mental health issues including anxiety, depression and the need for counselling)

Folkestone Safe Haven: [www.hestia.org/folkestone-and-hythe-district](https://www.hestia.org/folkestone-and-hythe-district)

South Kent Mind: [www.southkentmind.org.uk](https://www.southkentmind.org.uk)

Lighthouse43: [www.lighthouse43.co.uk](https://www.lighthouse43.co.uk)

Samaritans: Call 116 123

Mind Information Line: 0300 123 3393

Rethink Mental Illness Helpline: 0808 801 0525