



## Nursery Newsletter – May 2025

Wow, the year is flying by so quickly! I can't believe we are in May already, the nursery continues to be busy and the staff are always looking at ways to improve the rooms. We have added lots of new resources to support the children's learning so please keep a look out for these via tapestry and our Facebook pages.

### **Staffing:**

We have been lucky enough to recruit Katie to join our ever-expanding team. Katie has previously worked as a nanny as well as looking after horses. She will be undertaking a Level 3 apprenticeship in childcare which will enable her to work alongside her qualification. Katie will be working between Nursery and our Preschool site. Sarah has also agreed to take over the Meadows room leader role so she will be working with Amy and Hev.

### **Willows Room:**

Sophie, Sam and Lucy have been providing lots of physical activities for their willows children as we have lots of children learning to crawl and walk. We have purchased some new climbing apparatus as well as some new soft play bits which they are thoroughly enjoying! They have also been practising their communication skills by encouraging babbling and singing lots and lots of nursery rhymes.

### **Meadows Room:**

Sarah, Hev and Amy are having a huge push on Healthy Eating this half term. The staff have sent out questionnaires to discuss healthy eating which has given us a great insight into how we can support our parents. Following on from the questionnaire you would have received a Healthy Eating information sheet with ideas to help at home. The children have been very busy preparing and cooking our own healthy pizza's, making a healthy food rainbow and fruit and veg stamping. They have also spent lots of time outside enjoying the glorious weather we have been having!

### **Orchards Room:**

Lisa, Jess, Liz and Rachel have been super busy with their 'Growing' topic. With the change in seasons the Orchard children have been sowing and planting seeds and watching them grow. They have been using lots of language for size and they have been using measuring tools which enables them to introduce numbers into their play. As well as their growing topic they will also be looking at being safe in the sun as well as spending lots of time outside with water play, bug hunting and extending physical challenges with our P.E and Forest school sessions. The staff are continuing with the children's self-care development by supporting potty training and having a go at dressing and doing things for themselves. Its going to be a busy few weeks for our Orchard children!

### **Healthy Eating**

You may have seen in the media recently the reports on Baby food pouches being low in key nutrients. The BBC have reported that UK'S leading brands are failing to meet key nutritional needs of babies and toddlers - with parents being misled by their marketing. If you would like to read the report you can find it on the BBC website. The government have also issued a new Nutrition guidance so over the next few weeks we will be looking to make some changes to our menu and incorporate some new ideas into our meals.

### **Reminders:**

- Please make sure your child has sufficient changes of clothes in their bag for nursery as with the warmer weather there will be lots of water play on offer! Your child also needs to arrive at nursery having suncream already applied.
- Please could you make sure your child has an ice pack in their lunch/tea boxes as we are restricted on fridge space
- Just a reminder please make sure you are dropping off and collecting at your correct times. We have to maintain ratios throughout the day so if children are being dropped off early or collected late then our ratios are compromised.
- Please note, we are closed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May

As always, if you have any questions, please let us know

Best Wishes

Claire, Sophie and the Team