



Childrens Learning Centre



SUMMER 2023 NEWSLETTER

A New Term

Welcome to the summer term and a special warm welcome to all our new children. We would like to thank you once again for your continued support. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

30 Hours Eligibility Code

An important reminder: All parents who are claiming 30 hours must remember to revalidate online every 12 weeks, failure to do so will mean extra funding will be removed. Please keep track as the weeks go by very quickly.

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE – For those parents who do not use work vouchers, please remember you can access: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to get **£2 for every £8 childcare costs.**

EARLY YEARS PUPIL PREMIUM (EYPP)

Some families may be entitled to extra funding that we can use to help support your child's development and enhance our learning environment for your child, including any additional training for staff to benefit your child's development. If you are claiming any form of benefits, you may be entitled. When your child is funded, more information can be found on your grant form. Please speak to Jacky or Hayley if you think you are eligible.

Pick Up Times

A reminder to all parents of how important **prompt pick up times** are to us as a nursery, especially **11.55 am** and **3.55 pm**, as these determine staff breaks are completed on time to ensure ratios are maintained.

As I'm sure you are aware, especially on afternoon pick up times, we have more parents waiting and it may take a little longer to get your children out to you. Thank you for your patience. We would also appreciate that children who remain here until **5.55 pm** are also picked up on time allowing for feedback. As I'm sure you are aware, we shut at **6 pm** and our staff also **finish at this time.**

Nursery Objectives 2023

As our focus is on the EYFS

- To facilitate the new EYFS in our curriculum across all aspects of our nursery day.
- To monitor individual staff development and provide additional training, within the new EYFS.
- Working together with parents/carers to support their child's learning both at home and nursery across all areas of the EYFS. Please find a link to this on our home learning page on our website.

Reminders to Parents Labelling

Please can we remind you it is essential that all removable clothing, sun hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc. are **labelled** clearly. This year we took black bin liners full of clothing to the charity shop. As you can imagine so much valuable time can be wasted during our nursery day, searching for items. With this in mind, we have a **labelling scheme**, which provides you with incredibly long-lasting labels that are easy to apply to clothing, bottles, lunch boxes etc. If you use this scheme, they will also provide the nursery with commission that we could use towards equipment. Please visit **MyNametags** on www.MyNametags.com and use our school ID 94949.



Photographer

We have the photographer booked to come in the afternoon of **Thursday 18th May**. Children attending their normal session that afternoon will **have their photo taken**. All other parents may return to have photos taken, siblings are welcome between 3.30 and 4.30, but no later.



Holly

We would like to congratulate Amy on doing such an amazing job in her role as Manager in Holly. We are pleased to announce that Amber will be having her second child in July and will be going on her maternity leave at the end of June. Savannah will be covering Amber's hours in Holly.

Holly is extremely busy at the moment and has very limited places. If you think you may need extra sessions in the future, it would be a good idea to book as early as you can. Please speak to Amy or Hayley.

REMINDER TO HOLLY PARENTS – Please could all clothing and shoes be labelled clearly. If hair grips must be worn then please could we ask that they are large ones, as some are a choking hazard. Thank you.

SUN CREAM – Please read our sun cream section.

POTTY TRAINING – We are always available for help and advice about toilet training and are happy to guide you through the process before you start. Please do not hesitate to speak to Amy or Jacky.

Mulberry and Willow

A big welcome to our new children in Mulberry. Kirsty from Willow will be returning in June from her maternity leave for 2 days per week to help cover staff holidays. She will return to Willow in her full capacity in September 2023.

As Willow and Mulberry children are encouraged to be more independent at nursery, please could we ask that parents try and encourage their children to put their own shoes on at home (remember **no laces** please). All children will need **their own named sun hats**.

The **Tote Bags** given to each child must go home every day and be replenished with change of clothes as needed. Please could we ask that **you only use the tote bags provided**, as with more children now joining us, **your bags from home are too big**.

Our topics this term are: Spring on the Farm, Recycling and taking care of our planet, Cooking, Under the Sea & Beach, Transport and Road Safety and Big School (is for Willow only)

WILLOWS PARENTS EVENING

We are planning to have a Willow parents evening to celebrate your children's time with us. It will be **Wednesday 12th July from 6.30pm**. More details will follow soon.

MULBERRY PARENTS EVENING

We would also like to invite all Mulberry parents to an informal evening before your children move up to Willow. It will be **Tuesday 11th July from 6.30pm**. More details will follow soon.

Redwood

We offer our after-school club with collection from St James's on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Contact the office for availability.

Office

Hayley is available to help with enquiries Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9.00 am – 2.30 pm. If you have any office queries, please do not hesitate to contact her.

Spaces

Mulberry is now full for next year and we have limited spaces for Willow, should you require any extra sessions, please speak to the office a.s.a.p.

Water Bottles



During this time, individual water bottles are essential, and we require every child to bring their own **named bottle each day**. You can find our labelling scheme on the first page. **Please ensure you collect them daily and clean them thoroughly at home, many thanks.**

Sun Cream & Sun Hats



Our British weather can be unpredictable; therefore, we would ask that all children wear sun cream and bring a **named sun hat** on a daily basis, just in case! Children attending all day sessions must have the **'all day' sun cream** applied. This refers to any sun cream that will last **6 hours** or more. These creams were freely available last year and priced much the same as ordinary sun cream. Children who are attending for a **single morning or afternoon must have sun cream applied before they arrive at nursery. We will assume your child already has sun cream applied before they come to nursery unless you tell us otherwise.**



Car Park

It is vital that all parents take very special care when entering and driving around this area. Please could all parents not allow their children to roam freely around the car park especially along the front of the building, as cars find it difficult to turn safely in this area, thank you

Requests

Our supply of card has now stopped, and we would please ask that any card, such as flat cereal boxes and similar card be donated if possible. **(No thick box card needed).** Many thanks.

Lost Property

Every day we seem to have left over jumpers, coats, toys etc. Please can you look through any lost property left outside the rooms. Thank you



Willow End of Year Fun Day

Weather permitting, we are planning our Fun Day for all Willow children in our nursery garden on **Friday 21st July 10.30-12.30 pm**, with a back up plan on **Tuesday 1st August** if needed. Children attending that day will already be here and will continue their day as normal during the afternoon. Children who don't normally attend will be invited to come at 10.30 until 12.30 pm. We will have races, party games and a giant picnic! More info to follow.

(We do need to double check our planning permission, as we are allowed one event per year within the premises).

Term Dates for 2yrs 9mths until funded (if required)

Summer 2023

Term time only: 17th April – 21st July

Full Time: 1st April – 31st August

Half term – term time only: 29th May – 2nd June

Autumn 2023

Term time only: 1st September – 15th December

Full Time: 1st September – 21st December

Half term – term time only: 23rd – 27th October