



Childrens Learning Centre



SUMMER 2024 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.

Funding

For all funding, please remember we must have an eligibility code and it is your responsibility to re-validate this code online every 3 months. (with the exception of the **first 11 hours** of the universal funding for all 3 and 4 years old)

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 - Important

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 and that staff can go home when their shift is finished. (11.55 am pick up is extremely important, due to lunch time supervision)

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 2024

As our focus is on the EYFS

- To facilitate the EYFS in our curriculum across all aspects of our nursery day.
- Working together with parents/carers to promote communication and language as the foundation for learning. 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. Last year we took black bin liners full of clothing to the charity shop. Mulberry and Willow have already acquired many items in our lost property this year. 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 **Wednesday 15th 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

Holly is extremely busy at the moment, and we have extremely limited places, with only the odd sessions left. 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.

SMALL BAGS – As we have lots of children, please can we ask that your child only brings a small bag to nursery. As each child has their own nappy changing box at nursery, a small bag containing spare clothes and water bottle is all that is needed.

FEEDBACK – Holly love their feedback times with you all at drop off and collections, and they are so important, however extended conversations mean time away from the other children and can affect staff ratios in the room. Please feel free to book a time to chat for more extensive information/queries or email.

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.

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.**



Mulberry and Willow

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 **Tuesday 2nd 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 **Wednesday 3rd July from 6.30pm**. More details will follow soon.

Please remember Willow children's last week with us will be week commencing **26th August**.



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 **Tuesday 30th July**. 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.



Dates

Our new school year will begin **Monday 2nd September**.

Our last day before Christmas shutdown will be **Monday 23rd December**, returning back to nursery on **Thursday 2nd January 2025**

Nursery Maintenance (Mulberry, Willow & Redwood side entrance)

Throughout June a company will be carrying out repair work to the roof of the cloak room area and beyond. This may require children to use the main entrance for a period of time. We will update you as needed. Many thanks