



Childrens Learning Centre



SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

A New Term

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year and hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas. We hope all the children have settled back into nursery and we would like to welcome any new children and their families to the Centre. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Funding Eligibility Codes

For those claiming additional funding, as well as 9 month and 2 year funding, we must receive your eligibility code before we can reduce your bill. The government also require you to revalidate on line every 12 weeks, failure to do so will mean your funding is removed. Please keep track as the weeks go by very quickly, check your spam. Please make sure you contact www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to see your entitlement for any funding you may be able to claim. Please remember you can only claim the term after your child turns the threshold age i.e 9 months, 2 years and 3 years, and government criteria is met. Those parents claiming just the universal funding given to all 3 year olds, the term after they are 3, do not require an eligibility code.

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. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

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.

Nursery Objectives 2025/26

As our focus is on the EYFS

Ofsted have now changed the wording for our planning methods, previously known as the 3 I's, **Intent, Implementation and Impact**. They will now be known as the CTA's:

Curriculum – What you plan for children to learn and experience.

Teaching – How you delivery, support, and adapt learning.

Achievement – What children know, can do, and how well they have progressed.

By focusing on these 3 areas, we can ensure that our approach is purposeful, meaningful, and effective, leading to high-quality learning and experiences for all children.

Reminders to Parents Labelling

Please can we remind you it is essential that all removable clothing, hats, lunch boxes, drink bottles etc. are **labelled** clearly. This year, yet again we took black bin liners full of clothing to charity shops. As you can image 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.



Holly

Welcome to our new starters. Please remember it can take time for new little ones to settle and it is normal to have a few tears on drop off and collection times, so please don't worry. If you have any concerns or need reassurance, please do not hesitate to speak to the Holly staff.

Please can we ask all parents that you **LABEL** all coats, hats, water bottles, shoes, and boots, especially as children this age often have similar sized items and are unable to identify their own, between 2 or more of the same type.

During our garden time, we feel it is important for the Holly children, **including non-walkers**, to have **full access** to the grassed areas during the winter, therefore would ask that all children **bring named wellies, waterproofs, and warm garden wear** to Holly.

The copy of the Holly parents evening slideshow from last term will be sent by Vimeo soon.

DROP OFFS – Please can we ask that you make **drop offs to Holly as quick as possible**. This can be a very tricky time for our new little ones, and they can become very upset. If you need to give any further information, please do not hesitate to call us after you have dropped off and we will be free to talk to you.

PICK UPS – We want to be able to give you information about the lovely experiences your child has had that day. Please could you **allow at least 5 minutes before collection** time for us to give feedback, many thanks

REMINDER TO HOLLY PARENTS – 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.

No Juice in water bottles please.

Mulberry and Willow

A big welcome to our new children in Mulberry and Willow.

We would like to congratulate the Willow children for an amazing performance in their Christmas concert. We hope you have enjoyed the concert we have sent you via Vimeo. If you have not received it, please let us know.

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 welly boots**.

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, sorry! **Our topics this term are:** Dinosaurs, space, healthy cooking, life cycles, spring on the farm.

Water Bottles

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. Can we remind all parents we are a **juice free** nursery. Please can you only put water in your child's bottle, thank you. **Please ensure you collect them daily and clean them thoroughly at home, many thanks.**

Welly Boots and Outdoor Weather Gear



As I'm sure you are aware all children at the CLC have access to our outdoor area in all weathers. Please ensure they come to nursery with **warm appropriate outdoor clothing**, including **named welly boots**.

To ensure the pre-school children are given full opportunity to gain some independence in self-help skills, **please could all Willow and Mulberry children have footwear they themselves can easily put on and remove i.e., velcro or slip on's no laces or buckles please.**



Redwood

We offer our after-school club with collection from St James's on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Contact the office for availability. Please can we remind all Redwood parents to contact us **before 3pm** if they do not need their child to be picked up that day, as this can affect how many staff need to go on pick up, thank you.

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 and allow us to give feedback before the 12 pm and 4 pm finishing times. 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.

Car Park

Please could we ask all parents to take **very special care** when driving into and out of the car park at any time of the day. Many thanks

Holiday Closures

Easter Friday – 3rd April

Easter Monday – 6th April

May Day – 4th May

Spring Bank Holiday – 25th May

Summer Bank Holiday – 31st August

Lost Property

Please remember to check **our lost property boxes regularly** and collect items that may belong to you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sun Cream



Although it may seem a little too soon, we would like to ask that when the time comes, if ever, for sun cream this year, it would be a great help, if you were able to purchase the **'all day' sun cream**. 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. We thank you for your help and support.