



Welcome Back!

We hope you had a lovely Bank Holiday. This will be our final term together, and we are incredibly proud of how much all the children have grown throughout their nursery year—particularly in their confidence, independence, and resilience.

Summer Term Overview

This term, we are looking forward to exploring the summer season. We will be learning about:

- Staying safe in the hot sun
- Water safety
- Observing how our garden changes during the summer months

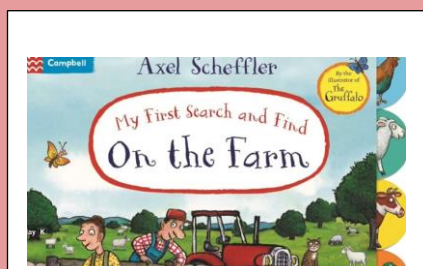


We also have some exciting events coming up:

- Summer Fayre
- Sports Day
- Teddy Bears' Picnic (in the final week of term)



For the Teddy Bears' Picnic, there is no need to bring any food—children only need to bring their favourite teddy bear, as we will be preparing our own small picnic together.



Phonics Focus

Our key phonics objectives for the summer term include:

- **Alliteration:** Identifying, matching, and creating words that begin with the same sound (e.g. "Silly Sam the Snake")
- **Oral Blending and Segmenting:** Breaking words into sounds (e.g. c-a-t) and blending them together
- **Rhyme and Rhythm:** Recognising rhyming words, spotting the "odd one out," and keeping a steady beat
- **Sound Discrimination:** Listening to and distinguishing between environmental sounds, instruments, and vocal sounds

Top Tips For Practising Name Writing at Home

- **Name Tracing:** Write your child's name in highlighter or dotted lines for them to trace over.
- **Sensory Writing:** Practise writing names in sand, shaving foam, flour, or with finger paints—great for making it fun and engaging.
- **Use Everyday Opportunities:** Encourage children to “sign” their artwork, write their name on cards, or label their belongings.
- **Chunk It Down:** Say the letters aloud together as they write to help them remember the correct sequence.
- **Name Cards:** Keep a simple name card nearby so children can copy it when writing.
- **Magnetic Letters / Letter Toys:** Build their name using magnets or letter blocks before writing it.
- **Praise Effort:** Celebrate all attempts, even if letters are not perfectly formed—confidence is key!

These small, playful activities can make a big difference in building confidence and early writing skills.

Important Diary Dates and Information

Sports Day - June 16th

Parents New to Reception Meeting - Monday 29th June 5pm (Adults only)

Nursery Transition Day - Wednesday 1st July

Summer Fayre - Friday 3rd July

End of Term and Teddy Bears Picnic - Thursday 16th July (There will be a chance for you to come and join us in our Nursery garden to play either in the morning or afternoon. Await further information).



Have a Nice Weekend
Take care,
The Nursery Team 😊