

Newsletter



Friday 15th May 2026

Round up of the week:

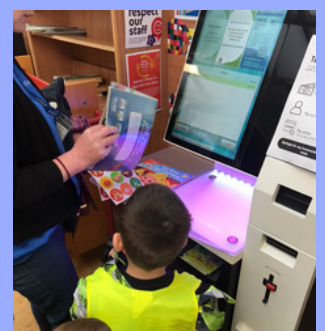
This week at preschool we have been learning all about “People in the Community” and the important jobs people do to help us. The children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring our police station, fire station, doctors and post office role play areas and have shown lots of imagination and creativity in their play.

During the week the children learnt about calling 999 in an emergency and took part in activities to help them recognise, build and explore the number 9. They enjoyed making patterns with blue and yellow snowflakes and used magnetic rods to catch magnetic numbers hidden in the “fire”. In our role play area the children made police badges and loved filling in police incident forms whilst acting out different emergency situations.

This week we also focused on the letter sound “F”, posting different items into the fox’s mouth and practising the sound together. The children had a careful look at real X-rays and then created their own using white chalk on black paper. Posting activities were definitely a favourite this week – the children love posting things and we often find resources hidden all around the preschool! On Friday they especially enjoyed posting letters and different bits and bobs into our post boxes and posting boxes.

A huge thank you to Annabelle’s mum, Rosalie, who came into preschool on Wednesday to talk to the children all about her job as a Physiotherapist. It was a very interesting and action-packed session and the children really enjoyed joining in and learning more about how she helps people. A small group of children visited the library on Thursday. They absolutely loved leaving the preschool on a little outing down the road. They represented the preschool beautifully, carefully handling books and listening to a story.

Next week our theme is ‘Mini-beasts.’



Outdoor Learning

The children have had a very exciting week in our outdoor learning area! On Monday, a crime was committed in the garden when a crocodile and penguin snatched a handbag! The children quickly called 999 before jumping into their police car to search the garden for the suspects. The children loved working together to solve the crime and rescue the handbag. On Tuesday, the children worked together as a team to paint their very own post box bright red. Once it had dried, they chose who they wanted to write letters to before carefully posting them into the post box. The children also enjoyed lots of imaginative play outdoors this week. Our mud kitchen chefs were busy cooking up a storm with delicious muddy recipes, whilst our budding mechanics loved fixing the cars using the tools and equipment. It has been wonderful to see so much teamwork, creativity and role play linked to our "People Who Help Us" theme.



Calpol

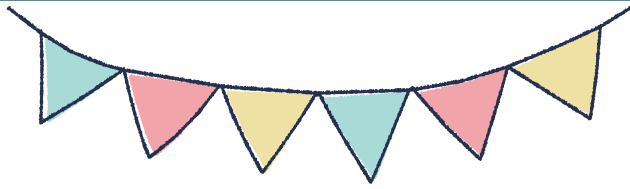
If you have administered Calpol to your child, they should not attend nursery for 24 hours from the time when the medicine was ingested. This is because Calpol can mask the effects of illness which could then be passed on to other children.

Value of the month:

The children have shown fantastic resilience and determination while practising for Sports Day, encouraging one another and giving their best effort in every activity.

Reminders

- Sports Day Thursday 21st May – coloured T-shirts (check Tapestry)
- Suncream and sunhats/raincoats
- Last day Friday 22nd May
- Let us know about school stay and plays
- Love/like Tapestry and social media posts please



Sports Day

Thursday 21st May
9:30am - 10:30am



We are very excited to welcome parents to our Flying Start Sports Day – my favourite day of the year!

The children will be practising over the next few weeks in preparation. They will be placed into teams and given a colour to represent their team. Please can you send your child in on Sports Day wearing a T-shirt in their team colour. Keep an eye on Tapestry for a message confirming your child's colour.

Please can all children arrive promptly for **9:00am**. This will give us time to organise teams, hand out numbers and get everyone ready for the event. Parents are then welcome to take a seat in the garden or return for the 9:30am start. You are very welcome to bring rugs or blankets.

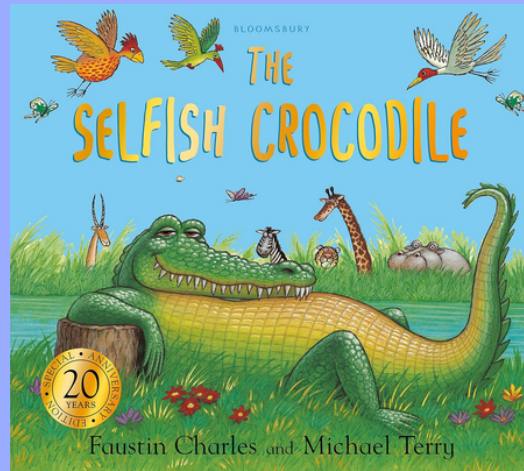
The races will last approximately one hour. If your child is not due to stay, please sign them out before leaving. Children who usually attend on a Thursday will be taken back inside preschool once the event has finished.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer additional spaces for this day.

We would also love some parent helpers to sit with the teams on the mats. If you are able to help, please do send me an email – we would really appreciate it.



Staff Favourite Stories



“My all time favourite story is The Selfish Crocodile by Faustin Charles, illustrated by Michael Terry. It is a wonderful picture book about a selfish crocodile who believes the river belongs only to him. He frightens all the other animals away until a tiny mouse bravely helps him when he has a terrible toothache. Through kindness and compassion, the crocodile learns an important lesson about friendship, empathy, and sharing.

I absolutely love reading this story to the children at nursery and have such fond memories of reading it to my own two boys when they were younger. It is one of those stories that never loses its magic, no matter how many times it is read.

What makes the story even more special for me is bringing the characters to life. I love getting into character and using different voices for each of the creatures. The children always join in with excitement, especially when the crocodile roars his warnings at the other animals. Their faces light up with anticipation because they know exactly what is coming next.

At nursery, if you ask any child, “What’s Becci’s favourite book?” they will all proudly answer, “The Selfish Crocodile!” It has become such a special part of our story times together. I get asked to read it again and again, and I am always more than happy to oblige because seeing the children engaged, laughing, and joining in makes every reading just as enjoyable as the first.”

Important Dates

Summer Term (13 weeks)

Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Sports Day – Thursday 21st May 9:30am

Half term – Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May

Monday 1st June – Thursday 16th July

Farm Visit (am) – Friday 19th June

Thursday 16th – **Close at 12:00**

Graduation and Picnic

GOLDEN RULES

1.

Be kind:

- Gentle hands
- Kind words
- Caring for our toys

Let's share our smiles with all the world!



2.

Be safe:

- Walking inside
- Hands to ourselves

Keep our friends and toys safe and sound!



3.

Be ready:

- Listening ears
- Looking eyes
- Give things a try

Let's learn and play — we'll reach the sky!



Be kind, be safe, be ready each day —
That's the preschool way!

