

Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026



Round up of the week:

This week our theme has been Mini-Beasts, and the children have loved exploring lots of different bugs through a wide range of exciting activities. They enjoyed bug drawing, making caterpillar paper chains, mark making on leaves and using hole punchers to create shapes in leaves, which is one of their favourite activities! The children have been busy counting bugs, making and counting cotton reel worms and matching numbers to ladybird spots. They also enjoyed creating colourful snakes, bright red ladybirds and bee hives. On Wednesday we celebrated World Bee Day, where the children learnt how important bees are to our ecosystem and discussed ways we can help to protect them. Our tuff tray was filled with yellow cornflour gloop, which the children loved exploring as it changed from a liquid to a solid. The children also learnt that a six-sided shape is called a hexagon and spotted this shape in bee hives. We looked at lots of different photographs of bees and were fascinated to discover how many different types there are. On Thursday we had our fantastic Sports Day and we are so proud of all the children for showing such wonderful resilience, confidence, independence and teamwork – all important goals within our Flying Start Preschool Curriculum. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children; we hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did. What a lovely sunny end to the half term! We wish all our families a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st June.

Next week our theme is 'Dinosaurs.'



Outdoor Learning

This week we have been exploring our garden, searching for all the wonderful mini-beasts and creatures that live within it and learning about what makes them so amazing! The children were fascinated as they took part in snail races, carefully watching the snails move along and cheering them on as they travelled across the tray. We also got up close and personal with our worms, gently observing how they move and helping to care for them by offering them compost snacks. The children enjoyed looking closely at our wild flowers to spot ladybirds and carefully counted the spots on their backs. As part of our learning about bees, the children worked together to build a child-sized hive using construction materials and natural resources, before collecting flowers and petals from around the garden. They also created their own pine cone bees, which they loved taking around the garden as part of their imaginative play. One of the messiest and most exciting activities of the week was exploring our sticky honeypot tray, where the children enjoyed mixing, scooping and investigating different textures. Throughout the week the children developed their curiosity, communication, teamwork and understanding of the natural world while having lots of fun outdoors together.



Value of the month:

The children showed fantastic resilience at Sports Day. Joining in with all the events, even with all the parents watching!

Reminders

- Suncream and sunhats/raincoats
- Waterproof clothes for water [play
- Let us know about school stay and plays
- Love/like Tapestry and social media posts please

Important Dates

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

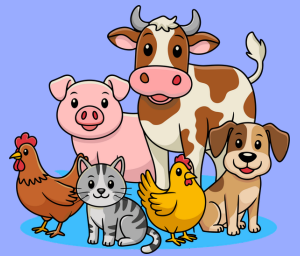
Monday 1st June – Thursday 16th July



Farm Visit (am) – Friday 19th June
Open Day for local community
For all children

Those that attend preschool on a Friday will visit the farm in small groups.

Those that do not attend on a Friday are welcome to visit **with their parent** between 9:30-11:00



Thursday 16th June – **Close at 12:00**

Graduation and Picnic until 2PM

More details to follow



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!

