



weekly news

26TH
SEPTEMBER
2025

AUTUMN 1 - WEEK 3

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

Week 3 has flown by, and what a sensory adventure it's been! Our focus this week was all about exploring the five senses, and the children fully embraced a wide variety of hands-on activities.

They painted with peppermint- and spice-scented paints, walked barefoot along a sensory path while describing how different textures felt beneath their feet, and explored a range of materials using their hands. Using their keen "looking eyes," they searched for puzzle pieces hidden in shredded paper—what a challenge!

Our sense of hearing was tested through musical exploration, as we experimented with different instruments, discussing the sounds they made—loud, quiet, or somewhere in between—and how those sounds changed depending on how they were played.

To top it all off, we even gave blindfolded drawing a go—plenty of laughter and creativity flowed!

It's been a wonderfully immersive week.



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REMINDERS

Nappies -

If your child is still in nappies, please remember to pack nappies rather than pull-ups. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to speak with a member of the team.

Safe eating -

Take a moment to read the government's poster on safe eating practices—important information for everyone

Extra Curricular -

On a **Monday afternoon** we run *Wild Learning sessions* with our in house trained forest school leader. On **Wednesday afternoons** we have *Little All Sports* come in and do a session with the children. We still have availability on both days should you wish to sign your child up. Please contact info@flyingstartmolesey.com for more information.



IMPORTANT DATES

Halloween Fancy Dress - 22nd - 24th October (More info to come)

Half Term - 27th - 31st October

Autumn 2 Starts - 3rd November

School Applications Open - 3rd November

Children in Need - 15th November

School Applications Close - 15th January 2026

MOLESEY BEER FESTIVAL

3rd and 4th Oct

The event is held at the Scout Hut so there will be no parking available on Friday 3rd for the 2:30pm pick up. This is due to festival vehicles arriving ready to set up the event when we leave. Parking is available in Abbey Walk.

REPORTS - NEW CHILDREN

If your child has recently joined us at Flying Start, they will soon receive either a Two-Year Progress Check or a Six-Week Summary Report (if they are three years old). These reports help us understand your child's development and support us in planning a curriculum that meets their individual needs, enabling them to progress and thrive.

Reports will be available on Tapestry from October 20th. We encourage you to read them, leave any comments, and sign to acknowledge receipt. Thank you for your support as always.



To parents of pupils starting
Reception in 2026

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Tuesday 30 th September	9:10 – 9:40
Thursday 2 nd October	10:15 – 10:45
Tuesday 7 th October	9:10 – 9:40
Wednesday 15 th October	9:10 – 9:40
Tuesday 21 st October	10:30 – 11:00
Thursday 23 rd October	10:15 – 10:45
Thursday 6 th November	10:15 – 10:45
Tuesday 11 th November	9:10 – 9:40
Thursday 20 th November	10:15 – 10:45



Closing date for applications is 15th January 2026

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>



Early years choking hazards food safety advice

For babies and young children, food can be a choking hazard, especially when they do not chew their food well or they try to swallow it whole.

Choking can happen with any foods, but 'firm foods', bones and small round foods that can easily get stuck in the throat present a higher risk. Therefore, care givers should follow these five essential steps:

- 1 Make sure food is **suitably prepared and served** for babies and children under 5 years old. For suitable foods, see <https://www.nhs.uk/start4life/weaning/>. Introduce babies to solid foods from around 6 months of age.
- 2 **Think about size, shape and texture of food.** Cut food into narrow batons, avoid round shapes and firm foods. Firm fruit & vegetables can be softened by cooking.
- 3 Ensure that babies and young children are **alert and seated safely upright** in a highchair or appropriately sized low chair whilst eating.
- 4 **Babies and young children should be supervised at all times** while eating. You will be able to identify the early signs of choking and prevent harm.
- 5 **Encourage babies and young children to chew food well.** Teach children how to chew and swallow food properly, and ensure they take their time during meals. This will reduce their risk of choking.

Care givers and parents should be familiar with how to respond to a choking incident in line with guidance on first aid for children:

How to stop a child from choking: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-stop-a-child-from-choking/>

How to resuscitate a child: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/first-aid-and-safety/first-aid/how-to-resuscitate-a-child/>



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term dates



Term Time Pre-School dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term (14 weeks)

Monday 8th September 9.30 - 11.00: *Stay and Play session (New Children)*

Tuesday 9th September – Friday 24th October

Half Term - Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Monday 3rd November – Thursday 18th December

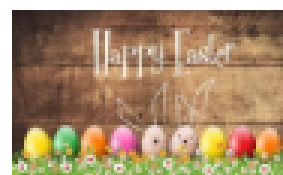


Spring Term (11 weeks)

Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

Half Term - Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February

Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March



Summer Term (13 weeks)

Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May

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

Monday 1st June - Thursday 16th July

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Friday 17th July 9.30 - 11.00:

Stay and Play Session (New Children)

