

Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026

Round up of the week:

This week, our children had a wonderful time exploring our "Food" topic through a range of fun, hands-on activities. On Wednesday all the children made their very own pitta bread pizzas, using tomato passata, cheese, sweet corn and ham. We hope they enjoyed them when they got home! The children enjoyed creating craft pizzas, fruit collages, and playdough cakes, as well as experimenting with fruit printing and sensory trays. The children developed their maths skills by counting foods, comparing sizes and lengths of pasta threading, making repeating patterns, and exploring shapes through pizza-themed activities. In our role play café, the children practised mark making and early writing by taking customer orders and drawing delicious meals. We also shared stories such as *Oliver's Vegetables*, *Handa's Surprise*, and *The Hungry Caterpillar*, using songs, props, and actions to bring the stories to life. In small groups, we explored healthy and treat foods, as well as sharing with others which foods they like and don't like.

Next week our theme is 'People Who Help Us.'



Outdoor Learning

The children have had such a lovely time outdoors this week exploring our food theme! They loved getting messy in the mud kitchen, mixing herbs, spices, pasta, lentils and mud to make all sorts of imaginative meals for their friends. We spent time planting tomatoes, sunflowers and calendulas in our garden, kindly grown for us by Rosie's mum - thank you so much! The children were so excited to dig, plant and water them. We also went on garden hunts to discover where food grows, explored seeds inside fruits and vegetables, and even looked after our wormery while learning about food waste and recycling. There were lots of opportunities for running races, digging, pouring, chopping and sensory play with soil, herbs and water. It's been a busy, fun-filled week full of curiosity, teamwork and outdoor adventures!



Value of the month:

This week we have been encouraging our new value, Resilience, by supporting the children to keep trying when things feel tricky, solve problems independently, and feel proud of themselves for not giving up.

Reminders

- Name everything!!!!!!
- Sports Day Thursday 21st May
- Suncream and sunhats

HAPPY Retirement!



After 11 wonderful years at Flying Start, the time has come for our lovely Becci to retire. We know many of our families, past and present, will join us in wishing her all the very best for this exciting new chapter.

Becci has been such a valued part of the Flying Start family and has made a huge difference to so many children over the years. She leaves with lots of mixed emotions – excited to have more time to spend with her family and beloved dog, Bruno, but also sad to say goodbye to her work family, who are such close friends, and of course to the many wonderful children and families who pass through Flying Start each year.

Thank you, Becci, for your kindness, dedication, laughter and care over the years. You will be very much missed by us all!





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



We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

"I love 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' because it feels like stepping into an adventure, where anything could happen, a mix of excitement, imagination, and just a little bit of daring. The rhythm of the journey—the stomping through mud, swishing through tall grass, and splashing across rivers—makes it almost like a story coming alive around me. It's not really about finding a bear, but about the thrill of pretending, the teamwork, and the sense of courage that builds with every step forward. Even the moment of fear turns into laughter in the end, making it a fun, unforgettable experience every single time."

Amy

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!

