Nursery Newsletter
23rd October 2026

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A message from us all

What a wonderful half term it has been, the children have settled incredibly well and there is a strong sense of community. We are intentional to ensure every child feels valued and connected. The interactions and the sophisticated play we are witnessing is magical. It's been a sweet pleasure and we can't wait for more fun next half term.

"Community is much more than the sum of its parts. It is a living, breathing entity where everyone matters." Unknown

Dates for the Diary:

Nursery Coffee Morning: Friday 6th November
Curriculum Induction: 04.11.26 at 4pm
Maths Workshop:
20.11.26 at 9am -meeting for all parents
08.02.27 at 9.10am - stay and play (maths)
11.02.27 at 9.10am - stay and play (maths)
Christmas Show: Tuesday 15th NT 9.30
Wednesday 16th NL 9.30
Thursday 17th NH 9.30

this year we will be inviting parents to stay and play immediately after the Christmas show until 10.30am on your child's show day

Phonics Workshops
04.12.26 at 9am - meeting for all parents
18.01.27 at 9.10am - stay and play (phonics)
21.01.27 at 9.10am - stay and play (phonics)

'Joy' as a continuing theme



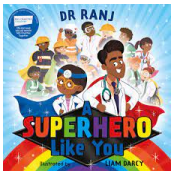
Following the success of our focus last year, we are thrilled to announce that we are continuing with our theme of **"Joy"** as our guiding word and mission. We reflected on our journey, we remembered how we began by discussing Benjamin Kingston-Hughes' impactful work and book, *Why Children Need Joy*. These insights remain at the heart of what we do: joyful learning environments not only lead to better academic outcomes but also nurture children's mental health and emotional resilience. Neuroscience proves that joy and learning are deeply interconnected. Because joy truly is magic, we are excited to carry this vital theme forward into this academic year to create even brighter, happier experiences for our children.

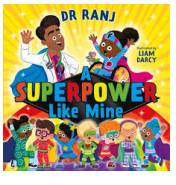
Our Giddy Week of Joy



Along with threading joy through our practice and provision, we will also host a half termly joy themed week. The week will involve carefully planned activities and experiences, some of which you will be invited to, so watch this space.

Autumn 2 Learning





Our learning will focus around exploring who is in our community. We use Doctor

Ranj's books alongside others and discuss what a real superhero is and what qualities they may possess, including kindness, care and strength. We will enjoy a visit from the local PCSO and experience sitting in a real police van!

*We would love family members to come into school and to talk, demonstrate or provide a simple workshop linked to this focus.

Curriculum Induction Event

Save the Date - Wednesday 4th November 4pm - 4.30pm

We are hosting our Nursery curriculum induction event on Wednesday 4th November. There will be information to support your child's learning, practical activities and interactive areas to support language development, maths and early reading. If you are unable to attend, all resources and information will be sent to all families.

Stay and Play Sessions and Maths and Phonics Workshops

We value parents and carers as crucial educators, you are their first and most enduring educators. Across the year we host a number of ways you can be involved, deepen your understanding and join in with some joy yourself.

Workshops:

These initial sessions in Autumn 2, will be information sessions. An opportunity to find out more about how we teach Maths and Phonics in Nursery and how you can support your child at home.

The second sessions in Spring 1 will give you an opportunity to watch a maths and phonics session being delivered with the children, immediately followed by a stay and play session, giving you the opportunity to play and engage in our provision with your child/children.

***The second session in spring will run on two separate dates to offer more flexibility. We will be sending out a google form for families to book on to only one of those sessions.**

Trips





We are currently finalising dates and coaches for our trips! Provisional dates are:



Blue Planet - Tuesday 2nd March 2027
Z Arts - May
New Brighton Beach - June

When everything is confirmed we will send the letters to you with further information and payment will open on School Spider giving plenty of notice.

Nursery Attendance:

Attendance percentage	
NH 26/27	95.7%
NL 26/27	96.1%
NT 26/27	97.0%
National	95.9%
Local Authority	95.6%

Thank you for all your efforts to be at school each day and on time. We would love to see this maintained and improved on to ensure all children are accessing as full a curriculum as possible. Of course, we understand when children are too unwell to be at school and need rest.

Reading Books



Please continue to send reading books every Friday morning, ideally in a book bag. We change books every Friday morning (Monday change for PT Mon - Wed children) and record in the children's reading diary. Having a book bag ensures books and reading diaries don't get lost or missed.

Tapestry

It is so exciting for us to see lots of photos on Tapestry from home, trips, celebrations, creations and more. Please keep sharing as we love showing these to the whole class. The children love telling us all about them and it is a wonderful way to build confidence and relationships.

Half Termly Donation



Finally, we kindly request a voluntary, half termly donation to enhance our provision and learning. These donations in the past have funded developing the Quiet Zone, developing the Sanctuary garden and improving our fine motor development resources. We like to share with you how the money has been spent each half term. All donations are gratefully received.

Have a wonderful week, with sprinkles of joy, laughter and wonder.

Warmly,

The Nursery Team