

# Newsletter – April 2026



**Dear Parents/ Carers,** We would like to start by saying a big welcome to David who is going to be joining us in the Explorer room and to Finley and Jenny who have joined our Discovery room. Their friends can't wait to explore our activities with them!

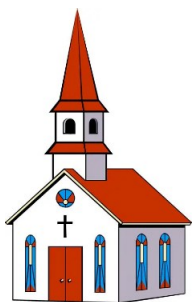


**In the Garden** - The children have already started to explore the garden now that the warmer weather has started to come. We have set up the large sand pit and we have been looking at all the different bugs that we can find, especially ladybirds. They are EVERYWHERE!! Creative Room have all worked together to clear the Vegetable patch ready for what we are looking to grow. Then we will begin to start setting seeds to grow in the room before planting them outside.

**Science** – Children from Creative Room and Explorer Room have been getting back into Science. So far we have made a coloured rainbow using skittles and warm water, made our very own volcano as well as testing out gravity in the garden. We are looking forward to getting a little more adventurous with our experiments over the next few weeks.



**Shape, Pattern and Number-** Every room has had a fantastic time exploring numbers, shapes and patterns this term. From joining in with lots of number rhymes and collaging our very own shape rockets to trying to find number and pattern in the environment whilst on our walks. We have been putting in lots of practice using our fingers to represent numbers whilst singing our number rhymes, making sure to add one and take one away. We are going to continue to explore these mathematical themes as part of our daily routine.



**Visit to the church** – Children in the Creative room had a lovely visit to the church to see Louise the vicar. She read us a lovely story about Jesus travelling in a boat, which all of the children swayed as though they were sat in one. Once they had had their story, Louise showed us around the church and spoke to the children about what was inside including the font for christenings and the pews where the choir sits. She was extremely grateful for the Easter card that we had made for her.

**Out on walks** – We are looking to getting out on as many walks as possible over the next few weeks and into those summer months. If you wish to go on any of these walks or attend Stay and Plays with your child, then you are more than welcome. Please speak to Rachel and she will organize a time for you to come in.

**Mother's Day** – We hope you all loved your cards and gifts that were made by the children. They had great fun making them and sharing them with you.





**Employee of the Month** – Our Employee of the month is Stacey. She is working extremely hard on her Level 3 Apprenticeship and is a fantastic support in the Creative room. She works off her own initiative and has fantastic relationships with both staff and children. Well Done Stacey!!

After the Easter holidays, assessments will be completed for all children by their key person. From this, each child will have a review sheet filled in based on their current development with ideas on how you can help your child at home too. Parent afternoon slots will be made available if requested – dates for these appointments will be sent to you as soon as possible.



**Alpaca Farm-** We had an amazing trip to the Alpaca Farm. We were able to feed the alpacas using our very own scoops, as well as petting the two llamas that they had, named after racing drivers, Sebastian and Lando. After a lovely walk, we saw the new born baby lambs, before having a yummy biscuit and a drink in the café colouring in our very own pictures of the farm. A huge thank you to the parents who came on the trip, your help is very much appreciated.

**World book week-** What a fantastic turn out we had for our fancy dress outfits. We had every costume imaginable from Willy Wonka to the Hungry Caterpillar. We do hope that you all took your book vouchers in to the shop and got yourself a lovely book to share at home.



**Comic relief - Lets wear red!** A huge thank you for all donations towards our bake sale for Red Nose Day. We raised a grand total of £25.20. The children looked fantastic all in their red clothes.

**Starting school-** We require four week's notice, in writing, should your child be leaving nursery to attend school. Please do let us know as soon as possible the date they will be leaving the setting and what school they will be attending, and their teachers name if this is known. Letting us know this in advance gives us the opportunity to arrange teacher visits in the setting, prepare a transition document for your child and gives us time to create a little folder to celebrate the time they have spent with us in the setting. Funding for the Summer term ends on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of July and stretched funding ends August 28<sup>th</sup>. If you need any extra sessions during the summer holidays or at the start of September, then please do book in advance to secure your place.



### Training-

- Carly - 'A Year of Working with Babies' module.

### Dates for the diary-

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April- Nursery closed for Easter weekend (for everyone)
  - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – all funded children to return.
  - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May- May day bank holiday- Nursery closed
    - Parent Review meetings – dates TBC.

