



28th August —Summer Playscheme Final Day
 Playscheme will be running for children over the age of 4 years. We would like to remind parents to please ensure that you have booked and secured your place, as these are limited. Parents are also asked to ensure that a suitable meal is provided for children which does not require refrigeration.

31 August —Nursery will be closed for the Easter bank holiday

Covid 19 measures reminder

As we continue to work in line with our Covid 19 risk assessment, we would like to remind all parents/ guardians of the measures that are currently in place throughout the nursery. These include:

- No parents to enter the site, staff and children to wash hands on arrival as well as regularly throughout the day.
- All bags and personal belongings are wiped down with a sanitiser upon arrival to nursery.
- Staff are strictly to travel only between work and home prior to and after their working shifts.
- Bubbles of children are in place throughout the nursery and maintained throughout the day.
- Nursery toys are being cleaned following each use. This includes the outside resources.
- Outdoor areas are being used continuously.

Staffing News

There have been some changes throughout the nursery with regards to staffing, Samantha Lewis has now settled into her maternity cover role as supervisor of the baby room.

As you may have noticed, some of our staff have been working at other sites during the Covid 19 closure of DVLA Day Nursery.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank these staff, their efforts and determination to persevere have been fantastic and we are truly grateful. These staff include:

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 Caitlin Daniel
 Nicole Thomas
 Rosie Shute
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 Jessica Colwill
 Chloe Griffiths
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 Catherine Davies

Thank you



As we look to return all staff to the nursery, we have had some staff successful in the covering of certain positions throughout the nursery.

Rosie Shute has been covering the nursery cooks position
 Nicole Thomas has been covering preschool Co Ordinator
 Caitlin Daniel has been covering nursery supervisor.

All staff have received thorough inductions on the new Covid 19 measures in place within the nursery.

We would also like to welcome to the DVLA nursery Charlotte Holmes, Sue Godden and Katy Lloyd who have transferred to us from other Schoolhouse sites. Welcome to the team!

General reminders

As we are enjoying outdoor play, please can we ask that you ensure children have suitable clothing, and that they bring spare clothing with to nursery along with sun cream. Please can you ensure that all children's belongings are clearly labelled with your child's full name.

If you are giving extra dates for upcoming months please can you make sure that dates are in before the 20th of each month.

Thank You



Our Children's Themes and Activities....



A very warm welcome back to all of our nursery children and families! It has been fantastic seeing you all return and welcoming you back to nursery. You have all grown so much during the time that you have been away, and it has been heart warming seeing the new skills you have learnt along the way.

Naturally, we have had to say farewell to some families and children, we hope that all of your new adventures, big or small are fantastic!

Under 2's

Our under 2's have been very busy with a range of different activities within their "bubble" groups. The children are particularly being enjoying sensory activities which have been set up throughout the day in the sections.

The most popular sensory activities have included finger painting and playing with bubbles. The children loved the bubbles activity so much, it has even been repeated for them to enjoy again!

The section has been spending time in the outdoor area and would like to ask for your suggestions regarding what you feel would further enhance the area.

Toddlers

The children in toddlers have been spending time creating different items of arts and crafts, these have included making jelly fish and fish puppets!

We have been spending a great deal of time outdoors and have made the most of all opportunities, we have even had our breakfast set up outside for the children to enjoy!

We have also enjoyed reading stories and then taking the opportunity to re-enact them outside, particularly We're Going on a Bear Hunt.

Toddlers have also enjoyed music and movement time busy feet and have also been taking time for calming toddler yoga.

Pre-school

Preschool have enjoyed settling into their new routine, and the systems in place within the nursery. The children have been doing a fantastic job at using the resources and then placing them away in the provided tubs ready to be cleaned.

The children have been reading various books, making resources and discussing a range of emotions. In addition, children enjoy a circle time as part of their daily routine in which we have been discussing feelings and emotions.

It has been fantastic hearing from the pre-schooler's what they have been doing at home and also planning which activities they would like to complete.

Play scheme

Playscheme have been doing a different theme each week and will continue to do so. The children particularly enjoyed "wave" week during which we looked at animals that live in the week and used natural objects to create textured crafts. This included shells and sand. The children also enjoyed experimenting with water and doing water play activities.

Playscheme will continue with their themes throughout the holiday period including:

- Circus week
- Sports week
- Superhero week
- Jungle week



Things To Do Together At Home

We would like to encourage all of our families to participate in the new approach at the nursery. A great focus will be on using natural resources, below are some quick and simple things you can do at home.

We would also like to encourage the use of recycled house hold items to make things.



Painting pebbles is great fun. If you use a paint such as acrylic, you can even use your creations to decorate the garden.



Using sticks to create characters from favourite books, or simply creating a beautiful picture.



Natural items make great mark making resources. You could even glue on some leaves once your paint has dried!

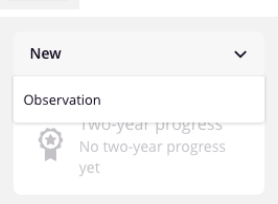
Creating your own observations on Family

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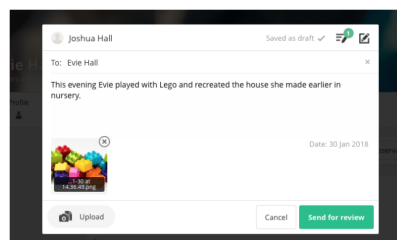
As childcare practitioners we love nothing more than seeing children developing new skills and enjoying new activities. We capture all of the moments we can, however we appreciate that some things simply just happen more naturally at home. We would like to encourage all parents to get involved in completing observations on Family by following these easy steps:

1. To create an observation of a child, you will need to go into their profile and click on 'Journey' and then 'New Observation' below.

Journey



2. A text box will appear and you will be able to add **text**, **photos** and **videos**. See the below screenshot for an example. Use the 'Upload' button to add photos and videos.



3. When you are finished making the post, you will send it for review. Rather than going straight onto the feed, nursery staff with the permission to do so, will review this post before sending.

If you get interrupted, the draft will save and you will find it by clicking the (left) icon top right hand corner.

Nursery staff will see the observation in the Child Development app and they can add EYO links, add Next Steps, request changes, take ownership or approve and send. When the nursery requests changes, you, as parent, will receive a notification.

We would like to ask parent to please ensure that they are taking items home that belong to their children only. Please could you also ensure that all items are clearly labelled with children's names.



You will need:

- Egg carton
- Markers or paint
- Counters

Instructions:

1. The first thing you need to do is cut the top off of the egg carton, as well as the flap that keep it closed.
2. Then you need to cut the ends off of the top so that they will fit on either side of the bottom.
3. Once you have an extra "bucket" on either end of the egg carton, tape them securely and you're ready to decorate!
4. Once the game board is secure and colored, you're ready to play! To set up the game, place 4 counters in each of the 12 cups (the main egg carton piece).

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