

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this newsletter finds you well and that you all had a wonderful summer?



Please make a note of these dates for your diary:

**Monday 1st September** - Autumn term begins/ Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) recommences.

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October** - Grandparents Day - afternoon tea & stay and play

**W/B 20th October** - Diwali

**W/C 27<sup>th</sup> October** - Half term - No NEF or Think2 funding this week.

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Halloween Party! (Don't forget to come dressed up). Meet here at 6pm for trick or treat in the local area

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - Bonfire Night.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - NEF & Think2 funding recommences.

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** - Remembrance Day.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need Pyjama Day!

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Pre school Christmas nativity

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - NEF & Think2 Funding finishes.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December** - Nursery closes 4pm for Christmas.



**'WOW!' Moments** - Parents/Carers! Your child is truly amazing and throughout your child's life they will make some mighty significant steps on their journey of development. Together, we would like to show the children how proud we all are of these moments and celebrate their individual achievements. These are what we call at nursery our 'WOW!' moments. So, if outside of nursery your child has perhaps tried something new for the first time (food, drink, standing, walking, talking, using the potty), or maybe enjoyed a trip or activity, share a photo of special moments through the Blossom App. EYFS - it is important

for parents and early years settings to have a strong and respectful partnership. This sets the scene for children to thrive in the early years.



**Holidays and Absences** - Although nursery attendance is not statutory, it is important for parents/carers to report their child's absence to nursery on the first day. Nursery has to follow guidelines set out by the local authority regarding the regular attendance of all children. Please report all absences on our landline number 01543 493433.

# News From Our Rooms

## Caterpillar Room

We hope you have all had a fun filled summer term? The Caterpillar room has been very busy enjoying the weather and doing lots of learning. We have enjoyed learning about our favourite animals, especially getting very messy with our safari adventure tray and searching for hidden animals in the shaving foam. The babies have really enjoyed taking part in a lot more sensory experiences which has been lovely to see. The babies have loved going on little trips to our local park and being able to explore the sand tray. We also like to take the babies to the local bakery where we treat them to their favourite gingerbread biscuits which always puts a big smile on their faces!!

The babies recently took part in a teddy bears picnic which they loved as they got to join in with the entire nursery having lunch in the garden - the babies were mesmerized by the older children.

Throughout this term, we will also be supporting some of our children who are transitioning into the Butterfly room where we know they will continue to thrive.

During the following months, the Caterpillar room are focusing on getting to know and building bonds with all of our new children.

In December, we will be preparing for the arrival of Santa as we get messy creating Christmas crafts. As winter approaches, we will be exploring arctic animals and winter themed sensory activities.

## Butterfly room

Recently in the toddler room we have enjoyed exploring nature with a visit to the park to collect treasures on the way such as pinecones, sticks, daisies and dandelions.

Insects and bugs were a hit with our toddlers last term. The children enjoyed looking for and picking up the bugs and insects and then using the magnifying glasses to have a closer look. We counted how many legs they had and also explored their colours.

Last term they also enjoyed the pirates theme where the children created a pirate ship in the garden, sang pirate songs, danced, made masks & did treasure hunts in the garden.

We have also been enjoying our musical instruments and learning louder, quiet, fast and slow.

## Ladybird Room

We hope that our older pre schoolers are settling well into their new schools.

Last term we the Ladybirds were very busy exploring all types of animals from farm life to rain forest and safari animals to insects. We looked at different environments from country life to city life and oceans.

We also talked about all emotions and all of our senses. We are now looking forward to dinosaurs from the beginning to their extinction. We are then going to be looking into the theme space.

September is the start of a new academic year and a time when we welcome all new children and their families. We will be sharing information about ourselves and our families.

# Time to Reflect

## Sports Day

The children and staff had a great time on Sports Day in July with the weather holding out long enough for us to have a great morning. The effort from the children was wonderful to observe.



## Teddy Bears Picnic Day.

We celebrated this as a whole setting with all three groups joining together for a lovely picnic in the garden. We had lots of teddy bears, bunting, and teddy bear music. This was a great social experience for the children as they interacted with the other children and staff.





## People Who Help Us

How lucky are we to have parents/carers who are willing to come in and talk to the children about their exciting jobs and more importantly bring in equipment for the children to try on?? We would like to say a massive thank you to all of the parents/carers who gave up their time to come and speak to our pre school children - I know that the children loved you coming in and trying on your uniforms!!



## Father's Day Fun.

It was wonderful to see so many daddies/carers come along to our Father's Day event. Our families enjoyed a range of activities, food, drinks and lots of sunshine. Thank you again for coming as parent partnership is so important to us here at Poppins.



We enjoyed a range of activities during the Summer term and here is a snap shot to remind you of the fun we got up to:



# Further Information

## Graduation 2025

We celebrated our children that left us for big school in July with a spectacular evening of dancing, party games, party food, and finally receiving certificates. Well done to the class of 2025!!



### Further information

Please remember to check your blossom app regularly for updates, to receive updates on your child's achievements and experiences and to stay connected with the team.

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) This website is helpful to allow you to explore funding that your child may be eligible for.

Hungry little minds is website that you can sign up to, this is to help you with your baby/child at home giving you advice and guidance for you little ones. If you would like to receive emails please use this link: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Hungry-Little-Minds/For-parents.aspx>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/articles/zxpc8p3-> This website has some supporting tips and help for families, just one of these is: "What school readiness means and how you can better prepare you and your little one for their first day of 'big school'." To find some more helpful links have a look at the website.

As well as updating blossom we also update face book, to find us on Facebook please search **The Poppins Day Nursery**.