

Welcome to the Poppins Day Nursery Summer newsletter.

Here are some important dates for your diary...

Monday 8th April - Summer term begins/ Nursery Educational Funding (NEF) & Think 2 Funding recommences.

Monday 6th May - Bank holiday - Nursery closed.

W/C 13th May - Mental Health Week.

Monday 27th May - Bank holiday - Nursery closed.

May 27th-31st - Half Term (No Funding)

Friday 14th June - Father's Day stay & play (details to be confirmed)

Sunday 16th June - Father's Day.

Monday 24th June- Graduation Photos

Thursday 11th July - Graduation Party.

Friday 12th July - Funding Ends

Friday 25th July - Sports Day

Monday 26th August - Bank holiday - Nursery closed.



'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, please fill in a star for the WOW Board, you can also 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.



Appropriate clothing - As the warmer weather approaches, please ensure that you provide sun hats and sun cream. It is recommended that after 12 months, sun cream is discarded of, due to the UV protection not being as effective after this time. Therefore, we require a new bottle and any remaining sun cream from last year will be disposed of. **As always, please ensure that your child's belongings are labelled, this means that belongings do not get lost or mixed up.** Baby room asks for shoes every day for the babies, even those who are not yet walking to give them the opportunity to cruise along in the garden/ride on the wheeled toys. Thank you.



Toys from home - We understand that children often want to bring toys in from home to show their friends, however to avoid these getting lost or broken, we would appreciate it if you could encourage your children to leave them in a special place at home or hand them back to you on drop off.

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News from the rooms...

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Caterpillar Room

Firstly, we would like to give all our new children and their families a warm welcome into the Caterpillar room as we begin our journey together to support and guide your child/ren through their development. Here are some of the things we will be doing with your children over the next few months.

During April the baby room will be taking some lovely nature strolls to take in their natural surroundings, we will be drawing attention to seasonal changes, for example the beautiful blooming flowers and their different colours, the fresh crisp air, the sounds of the birds and much more.

As we will be growing our own sunflowers in the garden the children in the caterpillar room will observe them blooming overtime and partake in some sunflower themed sensory play activities. The children will enjoy flower scented playdough and cutters, flower petal sensory soup, summer themed sensory bottles and much more!

As the warmer weather approaches, we will be taking lots of trips to the local park where the children are able to access the play equipment and will have some yummy teddy bear picnics! Picnics are a great time for children to wind down, socialise and share special times with their friends 😊.

We will be revamping our home corner in the caterpillar room during June to create our very own ice cream shop. The children will explore different ice cream flavours, tastes, textures and sizes. They will have opportunities to engage in role play and develop their social and communication skills. We will incorporate toys such as tills, price lists, menu's, scoops, scales and much more to develop those early numeracy skills.

During June our caterpillars will be getting very crafty when making their own cards and gifts for those people who are special to them whilst celebrating Father's Day! We will also be inviting our fathers/carers into the setting for a fun stay and play session 😊

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

Butterfly Room



As our Spring farming topic has been such a huge hit in our toddler room we will be continuing on with that interest for a little while. The children are currently looking closely at farm yard animals, what noises they make and are even touching upon the subject of animals and their young.

Another topic that has recently taken the interest of the toddlers is the hungry caterpillar, so the children will be exploring the story, talking about healthy eating, trying some different healthy fruits and looking closely at colour and change. We will extend this learning by engaging the children in a 'grow your own butterfly garden' project- so be sure to look out for the photos 😊.

During April the children in butterfly room will be embarking on some planting and growing activities, we plan to plant our very own sunflower seeds and watch them grow! We will be using a height chart to watch them grow big and tall and observe the changes they go through. We will look closely at the activities that are required to grow seeds for example light, water, air.

With the warmer weather approaching, we will now start to explore what that means for the world around us. In doing this we will be looking at revamping our home corner into an exciting role play ice cream parlour. The children will be able to explore their senses and develop new language as we explore ice and crunchy cones as well as acting out experiences! Please feel free to send us some photos of any summer holidays or messy ice cream experiences to display in our role play area!

Furthermore, the children will be spending lots of time outside engaging in water based and sensory activities and we look forward to sharing their fun with you! As the toddlers love both water play and transport toys, we will be combining the two together and encouraging the children take part in their very own car washing activity!

Toddlers talk time will be used to engage children in talking about their own summer/holiday experiences so it would be great if parents could send across holiday photos for the children to share and discuss.

June will see us celebrating Father's Day where the children will get to share their experiences about people in their lives that are important to them! We will be making some lovely crafts and cards for those special people and we hope to see you lots of you at our Father's Day stay and play session.

Ladybird Room

As April is planting season, we will be revamping our forestry and planting area in the preschool garden. We will be taking a little trip to a local garden centre where the children will get to look at all the different seeds and choose some of which they would like to plant this year. We will look closely at the process of planting, growth and decay and can't wait to share this experience with you!



During May/June we are planning to take a very exciting trip to the strawberry farm where we will be able to pick our very own juicy strawberries! This visit will teach the children some valuable life skills such as understanding where and how food is produced. We will then take these strawberries back to nursery and use them as part of our cooking club in making our very own strawberry cheesecakes!
YUM!

We look forward to welcoming the fathers into the setting for our Father's Day stay and play and the children will enjoy making some lovely crafty cards and gifts for those people who are special to them
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With many children holidaying during the summer months we will be changing our role play area into an airport, this will bring exciting learning opportunities for the children to talk about aeroplanes, boarding passes, suitcases, holiday destinations, maps, the world, pilots and share their own experiences. Please feel free to send across any recent holiday photos you may have via Blossom for the children to use as talking points.

We have a large group of preschool children leaving us this year, as sad as we are that they are leaving us, it is certainly time for them to flourish in reception and expand their learning!

We are looking to promote independence in the run up to children going to school in September, this includes:

- **Getting dressed independently** - we provide numerous opportunities for children to dress themselves such as putting on their own coats, shoes, forest school clothing and role play costumes.
- **Personal belongings** - we encourage children to take care of their own belongings such as putting their bags and coats on pegs, and personal items in their trays etc this encourages children to take on a responsibility to check their own areas at the end of the day.
- **Name recognition** - children's names are displayed all over the nursery environment and we focus on children recognising the first initial sound in their name and other words.
- **Emotions** - we help children to understand and regulate their own emotions by talking through big feelings and use stories to help develop their language and understanding.
- **Carpet time activities** - encouraging children to sit for a period of time and listen to a story, engaging in questions and learning how to take it in turns to talk.
- **Transition Visit**- some of the teachers from local schools will be joining us here at nursery to visit the children and familiarise themselves.

Top tips:

- Involve your child in the process of buying school uniform and other items such as bags and shoes (remember to buy shoes that children can take on and off independently)
- Encourage your child to manage their own personal hygiene e.g to wipe their own bottom, washing their hands and to be able to wipe their own nose

We are looking forward to the graduation party which will be held on Thursday 11th July. (more details to follow)