



New Bridge Nursery School Newsletter Term 3 January 26



We would like to officially welcome everyone back after the Christmas break, which already feels a long time ago. The children have returned full of energy and excitement, and it has been lovely to see them settle back into nursery life so enthusiastically. We would also like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all of our new families. Thank you very much for the kind gifts given to the nursery for the children, as well as the personal gifts for the team. Although never expected, they are very much appreciated.

Staffing

As many of you are aware, Gemma is on placement this term as part of her teacher training. Nicola continues to support Gemma's key group and across Rainbow Class. Gemma will be returning after the February half-term.

Sadly, Sophie has left us to spend more time with her family. We wish her all the very best for the future and hope she keeps in touch. We are currently recruiting for a new lunchtime nurture assistant, as well as a Level 3 qualified Early Years Practitioner.

Garden Redevelopment

As you will have seen, the first stage of the garden redevelopment is now complete, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring this new area. The grassed area is gradually establishing and, in time, will become our Forest School space. We have submitted a bid for a National Lottery grant and hope to be able to move forward with the next exciting stage of development very soon. We continue to fundraise for outdoor resources and are hoping to purchase a role-play den, along with additional sheds for storage.

Inset day

We spent our recent INSET day focusing on several key areas to support our pupils' learning and wellbeing. This included sensory processing, a closer look at our behaviour policy and procedures, and developments in maths teaching.

The training was led by external specialists, including Sophie Webster from the RISE team and Nathan Crooks for maths. I am very pleased to let you know that the day was extremely valuable and has given staff practical strategies to use in school.

Medical Tracker

As you may be aware, we are now using an online medical tracker to record all accidents and incidents, and we will shortly be introducing the recording of medicines. Please be assured that **all alerted incidents, no matter how minor**, are recorded and notifications are sent accordingly.

You will receive these notifications by email; please ensure you click the link provided to acknowledge receipt of each notification.

Toys

We know little ones can get carried away, so if any nursery toys have found their way home in pockets, we'd really appreciate them being returned to Nursery.

Arrival and Collection Times

Please ensure your child arrives at nursery on time each day. Arriving punctually helps children to settle quickly and allows the session to begin calmly and smoothly for all children.



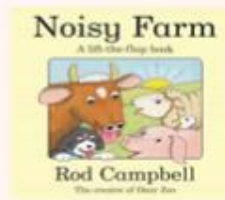
Late arrivals can be disruptive, as staff need to pause planned activities to welcome children individually.

If you arrive more than ten minutes after the session has started, you will need to take your child to Reception and wait with them until group time has finished. This may take up to 20 minutes before your child can join the session.

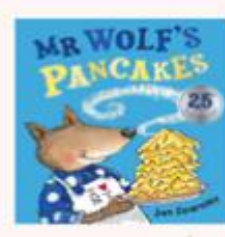
At the end of each session, children also take part in a group time which is an important part of the nursery day. We kindly ask that children are only collected early when absolutely necessary, such as for a medical appointment. Early collection can be disruptive for the rest of the group and requires a member of staff to step away from supporting the children. Thank you for helping us ensure a calm and consistent end to each session. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Focus Stories this term

Sunshine Class



Rainbow Class



Reusable Wet Bags



Please could all parents provide a **named reusable wet bag** for their child's wet or soiled clothing. These bags allow us to store more clothing, help reduce our use of plastic, and support our commitment to being more environmentally friendly. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Zig-Zag Lines

We understand that parking can be challenging at times; however, please do not park on the yellow zig-zag lines. These are in place to ensure clear visibility for pedestrians, children, and drivers. The safety of the children is our highest priority, and we thank you for your support in following this request.

Donations

We are extremely grateful for your ongoing support through weekly fruit and monetary donations. A contribution of **£2 per week or £20 per term** helps us to purchase toys and materials for the children. Thank you very much for your continued generosity.



Jean - Head of School

Please find the diary dates below. These may be subject to change.

Diary Dates for the Spring term.

Sunday	25 th Jan	Burns night – Scotland (celebrating on 23 rd)
Thursday	12 th Feb	Polish Fat Thursday Tłusty Czwartek / Pancake Day
Friday	13 th Feb	Valentine’s Day
Friday	13 th Feb	Term ends
Tuesday	17 th Feb	Ramadan begins (TBC)
Tuesday	17 th Feb	Shrove Tuesday – (Pancake Day)
Nursery Closed 16th February – 20th February for HALF TERM		
Monday	23 rd Feb	Term starts
Saturday	28 th Feb	Open morning for registrations 9.30am -10.30am
Sunday	1 st Mar	St David’s Day – Patron Saint of Wales (celebrating 2 nd March)
Wednesday	4 th March TBC	Maths Workshop 11.30am and (Caversham and New Bridge 2.30pm online)
Wednesday	4 th Mar	Holi Festival – Hindu
Thursday	5 th March	World Book Day – bring favourite book to share books with parents
Thursday	12 th March	Mother’s Day – Celebrations in Nursery
Sunday	15 th March	Mothering Sunday
Week Beg:	16 th March	Duck Eggs arriving
Tuesday	17 th March	St Patrick’s Day – Patron Saint of Ireland
Wednesday	18 th March	Eid-Al-Fitr (TBC) – Muslim Festival
Friday	20 th March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday	25 th March	St John’s Church visiting 9.15 and 1.00 TBC
Thursday	26 th March	Easter Celebration – with singing and egg hunt 11.20 and 2.30pm
EASTER BREAK Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April		
Monday	13 th April	Inset Day – CLOSED to all children - Environment Day