



New Bridge Nursery School Newsletter Term 5 2026



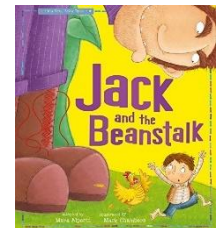
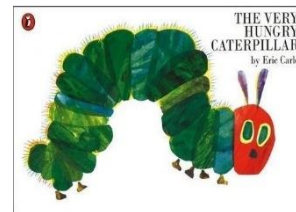
Welcome back to term 5 of the school year. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the new families who are joining us this term. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter break and managed to get out and about and have lots of fun with your families. It has been lovely looking at all of your Tapestry observations showing us what you have been doing during the holiday and also following our suggested home learning activities.

Staffing

Mandy will be taking a short break from nursery as she spends some special time with her family. Mandy is soon to welcome her first grandchild and we wish her and her family all the very best during this exciting time. She will return to nursery after the half-term break. During Mandy's absence, Sara - who some of you may know as Ethan's grandmother - has kindly agreed to return to support the nursery. Sara is very familiar to us, having previously worked at New Bridge for many years, and we are delighted to welcome her back for this short period.

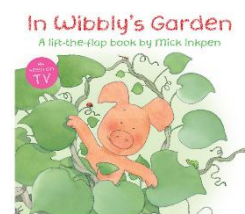
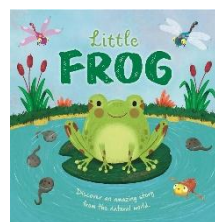
Focus Stories in Rainbow class

Our focus stories for this term are 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle, and then later in the term 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.



Focus stories in Sunshine class

Our focus stories for this term are:
Little Frog and In Wibbly's Garden



Absences and Lateness



Please ensure that you bring your child to nursery on time each day. If on the very rare occasion you are going to be late, please call us to let us know. It is important that the children arrive on time as it impacts the whole group if the team needs to be interrupted to welcome a late child. With this in mind we will be leaving the doors open until 9.10am and 12.55pm. If you are late unfortunately you will need to bring your child to reception and be asked to wait with them until the end of the group time which could take up to 20 minutes.

If your child is going to be absent from nursery, please call us on the 1st day. We have a duty of care to follow up with anyone that has not called us to let us know why their child is absent. Thank you for your understanding. School times are as follows:

9am - 12pm for mornings, 9am - 3:45pm for a full day and 12:45 - 3:45pm for afternoon sessions.

School Transitions

For those of you with children due to start school in September 2026, an email and/or letter will have been sent to you from Reading School Admissions team confirming your allocated school space. You must accept your child's place by **30th April 2026**. You can use this link <http://ow.ly/OzF450Eq7O8>. Further information about school transitions can also be found on this web page.

If you are having any difficulties, information can be found on the web link above. The school admissions team can also be contacted on 0118 937 3777 (option 1) or you can also email admissions@brighterfuturesforchildren.org. Please inform us which school your child has been allocated or if for any reason you have not accepted your allocated school place. As part of the preparations for the move to Primary School we will be sending out invitations to partner schools to visit the nursery. This will enable teachers to meet the children's key person and spend some time getting to know the children. We will let you know the dates of these visits once they are confirmed.

Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As we look forward to the warmer weather, please supply a named hat for your child **that can be left in nursery** and apply sun cream **before they arrive each day**. We will supply factor 50 for sensitive skin so we can re-apply as appropriate. We will continue to ensure the children have access to plenty of fluids and that they have shade in the gardens in the warmer weather. Thank you.

USports Activity Sessions

We have arranged for weekly sports coaching sessions for the children in Rainbow class. These sessions are taking place in the garden and focus on agility, balance, coordination and speed. These are being held each Tuesday of this term. The first half of term will be a morning session and the second half will be an afternoon session. We are sure the children will very much enjoy this opportunity. **Please can we ask that children do not wear open toe shoes or sandals to nursery, particularly on these days.**

Working Party - Help Us Create Something Special!

As you may already be aware, we are delighted to share that we have secured a grant from the National Lottery to develop an area of our garden into an exciting Forest School and outdoor natural learning space. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our children to explore, learn, and connect with nature in a meaningful and hands-on way.

To help bring this project to life, we are looking for volunteers to join a working party. This will involve both planning discussions and practical activities such as digging, planting, and creating the space together. If you feel you may be able to spare some time to get involved, please email Jean at hos@newbridgenursery.reading.sch.uk.

There will be an adults-only evening meeting to share ideas and plans, followed by a practical working day over a weekend.

In addition, we are developing an allotment area for the children. If you have any suitable plants, seeds, flowers or bedding plants to donate, or if you would be willing to come in and work alongside staff and children to help create this area, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support - we're really excited about what we can achieve together!

Fundraising

We would like to thank you all for your very kind donations to help us raise much needed funds for the nursery.

Easter raffle - raised over £180

This money will go towards providing new and exciting experiences for the children and has helped us purchase new resources across the nursery.

Sponsored Obstacle course week beginning 18th May

We will be creating a small obstacle course for the children this week and asking for sponsorship. Funds raised will go towards enhancing the garden.

Donations

We are still accepting and are very appreciative of your weekly fruit and monetary donations. £2 per week or £20 per term towards toys and materials for the children. Please use our new pig money boxes and fruit baskets to add your donation.



New Bridge Nursery School Fund

Account number: 19123163

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Reminders

- If your child has lunch with us, please ensure that grapes, olives, cocktail sausages etc. are cut length ways and not left whole or cut width ways.
- We are a nut free School - please do not pack anything containing nuts in your child's healthy lunch box.
- Please remember to provide named spare clothes for your children.
- If you are celebrating any festivals or special occasions at home, please let us know so we can share this at Nursery.
- Please read and like our weekly Curriculum Catch Up on Tapestry - this gives you a really good insight into what the children are learning and what you can do at home to support this.
- Remember to share your home learning with us on Tapestry. The children very much enjoy sharing their achievements with their friends and the classroom team.

Jean - Head of School



Please find the diary dates for this term below.

Diary Dates

Monday	13 th April	Inset Day – CLOSED to all children
Tuesdays	14 th April	Home Visits – Closed to all children
Wednesday	15 th April	Existing children return
Thursday	16 th April	Settling in visits 10-11am (30hr and am) and 1:45-2:45pm (pm children)
Friday	17 th April	2 nd Settling in 10-11am and 1:45-2:45pm (parent's meetings)
Monday	20 th April	First full session for new starters (am session for 30 hour children)
Thursday	23 rd April	St George's Day – Patron Saint of England
Tuesday	28 th April	Parents information session re transition to school TBC
Monday	4 th May	CLOSED - Bank Holiday
Wednesday	6 th May	Literacy and Early Reading Workshop 11.30 and (2.30pm online with Caversham
Thursday	7 th May	CLOSED – Polling Day
Week beg:	18 th May	Sponsored obstacle course throughout the week
Wednesday	20 th May	Farms2ewe visiting
Friday	22 nd May	End of term
Tuesday	26 th May	Eid-al-Adha (TBC)
HALF TERM 25th May – 29th May		
Monday	1 st June	Term starts
Sunday	14 th June	King Charles Birthday
Thursday	18 th June	Father's Day Celebrations at nursery
Sunday	21 st June	Father's Day
Wednesday	24 th June	Understanding The World and Expressive Arts and Design workshop 11.30 & (2.30pm online with Caversham)
Saturday	27 th June	Open morning for registrations 9.30am -10.30am
Saturday	4 th July	USA – Independence Day
Tuesday	21 st July	Last full usual day
Wednesday	22 nd July	Rainbow and Sunshine Family Picnic 11.30am- 1.00pm Snowflake Picnic in the Nursery Garden 11.15am – 12.30pm
Wednesday	22nd July	END OF TERM