



New Bridge Nursery School

Term 5



Welcome back to term 5 of the school year. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the new families 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

Carol will be joining the team this term and I am sure you will join us in welcoming her to New Bridge Nursery School.



I am really looking forward to working with you and your children! I have been teaching for a number of years, mostly in Nursery and Reception in schools in West Berkshire. I love working with early years children, getting to know them as individuals and helping them to thrive and develop in every way. I will be working at New Bridge job sharing with Maddy, and will also be based at Caversham Nursery for the rest of the week. I am married with two (almost!) grown up children who I love spending time with. In my spare time I enjoy walking and coffees with friends, swimming and helping out at my local Church. I look forward to meeting you all.

Sponsored obstacle course

The children had lots of fun taking part in the sponsored obstacle course last term. We would like to thank everyone who helped raised much needed funds for the nursery, which will go towards revamping our gardens for the children to enjoy and have further learning opportunities.

A total of £1128.00 was raised which is amazing!



School transitions

For those of you with children due to start school in September 2022 You must accept your child's place **by 2nd May**. If you are having any difficulties, information can be found <https://brighterfuturesforchildren.org/for-parents-carers/schools/primary-admissions/> 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 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 for partner schools to visit the nursery. This will enable them 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. We will be sending out a short transition presentation to all families of children starting school in September.

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 need to be interrupted to welcome a late child. 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 any with anyone that has not called us to let us know why their child isn't in nursery school. Thank you for your understanding. School times are as follows:
9am - 12pm for mornings, 3.45pm for a full day and 12.45 - 3.45pm for afternoon sessions

USports activity sessions

We have arranged for weekly sports coaching sessions for the children. These sessions are taking place in the garden and focus on agility, balance, coordination and speed. These are being held each Wednesday of this term 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.

Snowflake Autism Resource is 10 years old!



Snowflakes has been offering their wonderful services for 10 years which has been a huge success and has built a wonderful reputation in the community. The difference the team make to the children and their family's lives is huge. We will be celebrating this amazing achievement in late June. Watch this space for more details.



Sun cream and sun hats

If you haven't already, please supply a named hat for your child that can be left in nursery and apply sun cream before they arrive each day. If your child attends 30 hours please hand a named bottle of unopened sun cream to a member of the team, so we can reapply 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

Donations

We are still accepting and are very appreciative of your weekly fruit and monetary donations. £1 per week or £10 per term towards toys and materials for the children. Please use our new pig money boxes and fruit baskets to add your donation



What to bring to nursery

Please ensure all clothes and belongings are clearly named in a ruck sack or cloth bag.

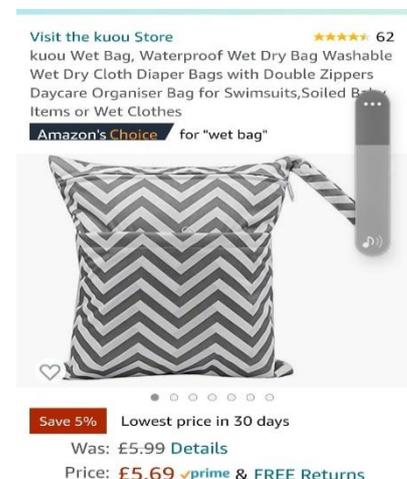
- Water bottle - this will go home each day
- Wellington boots - to leave at nursery
- Water proof jacket and trousers (or all in one) - to leave at nursery
- Sun hat (and sun cream, if your child attends 30hrs named and handed to a member of staff) - to leave in nursery
- Nappies and wipes (if applicable)
- Spare clothes - including underwear and socks

Please **DO NOT** put toys, food, medication, creams or any other items **not** listed above in your child's bag.

Please **DO NOT** send any plastic carrier bags into nursery. This is for safety and ecological reasons. Wet bags are an easy way to store wet/dirty clothes. They are a reusable, waterproof and leak resistant bag that zips shut to help keep odours (and liquids) from escaping. They are also machine washable. Please see the image as an example.

Lost property

If your child has lost anything please ask a member of the team who will happily look for this after the session and return it to you once found. Please be patient, understanding and name your children's belongings to reduce the risk of items being lost.



Diary Dates

Saturday 23 rd April	St. George's day
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday - Nursery is Closed
Monday 2 nd May	Id-ul-Fitr - Muslim Festival
Thursday 5 th May	Polling Day and staff training - Nursery is Closed
Friday 13 th May	Pyjamarama day - A fun way to get children excited about reading. Send your child to nursery in their pjs and share their favourite stories with their friends. More details to follow shortly.
Monday 30 th May - Friday 3 rd June	Nursery is closed for Half term
Monday 6 th June	We will be celebrating the Queens Platinum jubilee with a celebration for all families - More details to follow shortly we hope you can join us.
Sunday 12 th June	The Queen's (official) Birthday
Monday 13 th June	Nursery is Closed for a staff training day
Sunday 19 th June	Father's Day
Monday 4 th July	USA - Independence Day
Saturday 9 th July	Id-ul-Adha - Muslim Festival
Wednesday 20 th July	Our last day for the summer term.
Thursday 21 st July	School summer holidays begin
Tuesday 6 th September	We reopen to welcome returning children

Thank you for your continued support.

