

BATFORD NURSERY SCHOOL BULLETIN

Summer Term 2022

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Welcome to new and returning parents and carers to Batford Nursery School for the summer term. The children have settled in well and are enjoying playing in both the indoor and outdoor environment. We look forward to a busy and eventful term with lots of exciting learning opportunities for the children to enjoy, so please continue to check emails, tapestry and social media sites for updates and information.

It was lovely to start the term by being able to finally invite parents of the older children to Stay and Play. We received lots of positive feedback, if you still have a form to complete please do hand it back to your key worker or email admin@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk For those parents of children who have just started, there will be opportunities for Stay & Play sessions in the future.



Events this Term

Thurs 12th May

Ark Farm Visit - Ark Farm will be visiting nursery to show the children a number of farm animals and to talk to them about caring for animals, this will support their learning this term.

Thurs 19th May

Coffee Morning /Afternoon - an informal opportunity to chat with other parents over a coffee. Straight after drop off for an hour. Informal discussion by Sarah Hedges about being "School Ready".

Thurs 9th June

Individual/Group Photographs

IAN SCOTT PHOTOGRAPHY

will be visiting the nursery to take photos of the children for you to purchase. Please ensure you complete the on-line permission form when it is sent out.

Thurs 16th June

Sponsored Circuit - Children will need to come to nursery dressed ready for our Sponsored Circuit. Children will complete 10 laps of an obstacle course and earn stickers and a winner's medal. Parents welcome to come and watch their children. More details to follow. (Our reserve date is Tues 21st June).

Thu 19th July

Family Picnic - for all children, certificates will be presented to those children moving on to primary school.



Themes this Term

Spring/Summer

The children are enjoying observing the seasonal changes in the nursery garden. Children will be planting bulbs and seeds in the coming weeks, any donations would be very welcome.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Talk to your child/ren about changes at this time of year. Encourage your child to "describe what they see".
- Use a digital device to take a photo of seasonal changes and upload to Tapestry.
- Grow your own vegetables and/or herbs.

Farm Animals

Children will be having a visit from Ark Farm, this is our equivalent of a school trip. Ark Farm visits nurseries and schools to support children's learning and show how animals are cared for. Children will have the opportunity to pet the animals. In nursery the children will be learning about farm animals. We will enjoy exploring different types of resources to enhance and extend the children's learning including story sacks, fiction and non-fiction books, number rhymes and small world farm animals. The children will use paint and collage to create farm pictures and models which will be displayed in the classrooms.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Talk to your child/ren about what they have seen and heard at the farm.
- Find out about animals that live on a farm.
- Share rhymes such as Baa Baa Black Sheep, 5 Little Ducks, Old MacDonald had a Farm.

Mini Beasts

The children really enjoy exploring the garden looking for mini beasts. The caterpillar larvae will arrive in June, this is a lovely project we do in nursery and the children are captivated by watching the larvae turn into butterflies. The children create lovely butterfly paintings and creative work influenced by what they have seen.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Go on a mini beast hunt in the garden.
- Make a mini beast bug house.
- Listen to stories about mini beasts.
- Count the legs on spiders, ladybirds etc.
- Look at photos of mini beasts on the computer.

Themes this Term

- Spring & Summer
- Farm Animals
- Mini Beasts
- Transitions

Transitions

Next half-term staff will be talking with the children who are moving on to primary school about changes. To support this we share local school books with the children, which we use as a talking point to support the transition. We display pictures of all local schools and which children will be attending them in September. Reception teachers from local schools will have a full handover with staff. Throughout this term we will be sending home information to support parents and children during this transition.

How you could support your child's learning at home:

- Visit your child's new school on your allocated visit day – you will be informed of this by your primary school.
- Talk to your children about their new uniform, the building, play equipment and new teachers.
- Look on the school website for their virtual tour and pictures of their staff.



Reminders...

Additional events this term:

- ✚ **Wednesday 25th May** - Sprogg Kids Football session – a representative from an after school club are running a football session for all the children. Please ensure the children are dressed in appropriate clothing and footwear for a sporting activity. This activity is free of charge.
- ✚ **Friday 27th May** - Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Garden Party – we will be celebrating with our own garden party. Please ensure the children are dressed in Red/White/Blue for the occasion.
- ✚ **Monday the 6th June** - Batford Nursery School's planned additional educational setting Bank Holiday. First day of half term is Tuesday 7th June.
- ✚ **Thursday 9th June** - Our school photographer will be visiting. If you would like younger siblings to be photographed with your nursery child you will need to come to nursery before 8:30 and queue. We do not encourage older siblings to wait as this will make them late for school.
- ✚ Please be aware that children are running, jumping and climbing in our beautiful garden. They are learning to be physical and independent and whilst the staff will try their very best to ensure that they do not hurt themselves, we ask that you send children in suitable footwear in order to minimise risk. Strappy sandals, crocs and heeled boots etc. can pose a risk in this situation.

Communication

To ensure you are kept up to date, please regularly check your e-mail. If you change your email or mobile telephone number at any time please inform the school office.

Please visit our website
www.batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk
it is updated regularly and has all the statutory information.

Also "Like" our official Facebook page for up-to-date information and photographs.
Facebook - [Batford Nursery School and Daycare](#)

Also follow our official Instagram page for up-to-date information and photographs.
[@batfordnurseryschoolanddaycare](#)

We understand a number of WhatsApp groups have been set up – please can we remind you that these are social groups, and any school related questions or concerns should be directed to
admin@batfordnursery.herts.sch.uk or speak directly to a member of staff.



Sickness/Absence

Please phone us on the first day of absence as we are obliged to keep records.

In cases of diarrhoea, sickness or temperature (non-covid related), we ask you to ensure your child is **symptom free for 48 hours** before they return to school. This is to ensure cases are kept to a minimum and that it is not passed on to other children or staff.

Covid-19 Specific – Please do not send your child to nursery if they have any of the Covid-19 symptoms, these have been extended so please do look at the attached link and see the new symptom list

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

Late Arrivals

If you arrive to Nursery after 8:40am and 12:40pm you must go via the main entrance to ensure children are marked correctly in the attendance registers and lunch/tea numbers are correct. This is in line with our new procedure for online registrations.

Collections during nursery sessions

If you are collecting your child early from a nursery session or for an appointment, please go to the main entrance for your child to be brought to you. Please give notice of this if possible. You will be asked to sign the register at reception to ensure our records are in order.

