



St Mary Magdalene Catholic School Nursery Newsletter April 2025



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the last term of this academic year. We hope that the weather will be kind to us and we will spend lots of time outside.

We have a very busy 5 weeks ahead. Please read and make note of the dates.

I would like to say a great big 'Thank you' to all the children who came to nursery with their Easter Bonnets. We were staggered how wonderful they all were. You can see images on the school website - head to the Nursery page.

If you have any concerns regarding your child at nursery please do not hesitate to speak to one of the members of the team.

Kindest regards

Mrs C Ledger

Forthcoming Dates

Parents evenings—Mon 28th, Tues 29th and Wed 30th April. If you have not made an appointment please do so. Every child must have a representative at parents evening. Please note that the meetings are only 10 minutes. To be fair to other parents, I will cut short any meetings that run over this time.

Thursday 1st May— Multicultural day in Nursery. Children are encouraged to wear costume or clothes from their culture or heritage.

Monday 5th May—Nursery closed.

Wednesday 7th May —Stay and Learn—Science

Friday 16th May—Disney Day. Children to come to Nursery dressed something Disney! Donations to school fund Minimum £2.00.

Thursday 22nd May — Teddy Bear's Picnic. Children can bring in a named bear to nursery. Children will make their own sandwiches to eat at the picnic. £2.00. This will form part of the May Day celebrations in school.

Friday 23rd May—Break up for half term. Return Monday 2nd June

Naming Clothes

At this time of year children are more likely to take their jumpers off and we encourage them to do this independently. Obviously if we have 40+ jumpers all in a box we will be unable to identify them unless they are named clearly. Please also name sun hats.

Please also dress your child appropriately for the weather.

Sun Cream

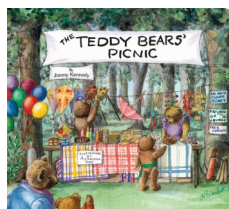
We are unable to reapply sun cream to your child. Please apply before coming to nursery. We will encourage children to seek shade and water will always be available.



Topics this half term

Each week we will have a focus on the following topics:

Whatever Next!, Multicultural week, Mini Beasts, Science week .



RE

For our RE topic we will be considering 'To the ends of the Earth'.

Vocabulary and words that you can help your child learn and understand are:

Heaven, Holy Spirit, Fire, Wind, Languages, Fruits, Church, Tabernacle, Family, Community, Pray, Share, Good News.



Supporting your child at home

Over the last few newsletters I have focussed on the importance of reading, mark making and early maths. However physical development is just as important as these other areas.

Children require exercise to build their muscles in the shoulders, legs and core to help support them whilst sitting and learning to write.

The benefits of living a healthy lifestyle and exercise are often written about and you will be probably be aware for yourselves but for your child you may wish to do some further reading. The following link offers some good advice. Please take some time to read it.

www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/fun-exercises-to-do-at-home-with-kids

Lastly playing with items such as play dough strengthens the very small muscles in a child's developing fingers and hands which enables them to hold a pencil and write for sustained periods of time. This again is an important skill to develop for your child to be ready for school.

Within nursery we regularly take part in 'Dough Disco' sessions. This is great fun and is a great way of education to different music. If you need inspiration check our YouTube typing in 'Dough disco'.

Canopy and arrival times

Just a gentle reminder again, please refrain from allowing your child and their siblings to ride on the bikes, play with toys or use the climbing frame before the nursery opens.

Home Learning Bags

Thank you to all the families using our learning bags weekly. We are so pleased to see them disappear on a Friday and return by the Tuesday.

If you haven't had chance to borrow a bag, please do. They are a fantastic way of understanding how we learn at nursery and are a fun thing for you to share with your child.



Preparation for School

Our older children who will start Reception classes in September 2025 will be having visits to their schools. Parents please note dates and ensure you inform your child what is happening and who is picking them up.

Focus on the Preparing for School booklet sent home before Easter.

For our younger children, parents may wish to prepare them to make new friends as we have new children visiting before they start in September.