

July 2025 Newsletter

We are pleased to bring you the July newsletter, sharing with you some of the children's activities and areas of learning along with tips on how to support learning at home

A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

As we step into the warmth and wonder of July, let's take a joyful look back at all the magic June brought us. From watching our tiny caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies, to soaking up the sunshine during our delightful Teddy Bears'

Picnic, it was a month filled with discovery and delight.

We embraced the lovely weather with open arms perfect for exploring our blossoming topic of flowers, where curiosity bloomed just like our gardens. And of course, who could forget our unforgettable Sports Day

! With cheers, giggles, and plenty of team spirit, it was a celebration of energy and encouragement. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the good sports who participated in our adult races.

As for the paper aeroplanes, we were blown away!

What an amazing turn out, keep practicing the paper folding you never know what next year's events will be.



Click the image above to watch the highlights video from the Millwood House 2025 Sports Day.





































THIS MONTH'S TOPIC WILL BE THE SEASIDE **②**★

As we embrace the golden days of July, our learning turns to the theme of *The Seaside* a topic that is bursting with sunshine and imagination.

For the children preparing to move on to big school, this theme offers a joyful and comforting bridge between the familiar and the exciting journey ahead.

Through the EYFS framework, *The Seaside* invites a wide variety of learning experiences across all areas of development:

- ③ Understanding the World: Exploring Sea creatures, beach habitats, and how we care for our oceans nurtures curiosity and care for the environment.
 - Expressive Arts & Design: Creating sand art, seaside collages, and role-

Physical Development: Building sandcastles, balancing pebbles, and water play support fine and gross motor skills.

- Eliteracy & Communication: Listening to seaside-themed stories and singing sea shanties sparks imagination and language development.
- Mathematics: Counting shells, sorting pebbles, and exploring patterns in nature lay early foundations for numeracy.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development: Talking about holidays, friendships, and changes ahead helps build confidence and emotional readiness for school.

This topic not only celebrates the fun of summer it's a gentle, hopeful send-off for those heading into their next adventure.

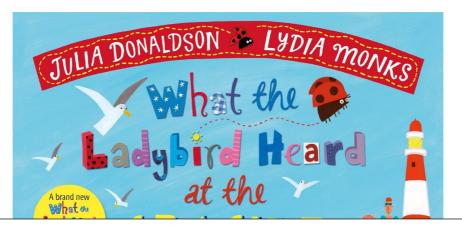
We can't wait to see our little gardeners in action as they nurture their plants and watch them grow!

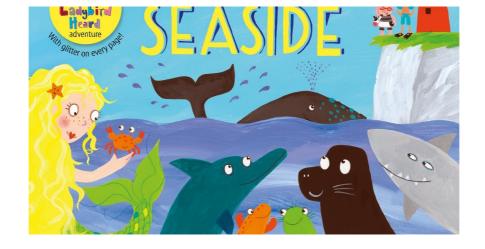
WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE LADYBIRD ROOM



The Ladybird Room will explore sensory rich activities with sand, water, shells and stones. They will use buckets and spades for scooping, pouring and experiencing the different textures of dry and wet, size and textures of pebbles and seashells.

Ladybird book of the month will be: "What the Ladybird Heard at the Seaside." By Julia Donaldson



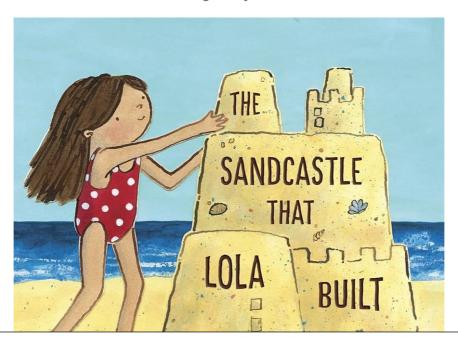


WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM



The Caterpillar Room will be creating their own Caterpillar beach, playing with sand and water, building sandcastles, counting shells and placing them in size order and making pictures with items we would find at the beach.

Caterpillar book of the month will be: "The Sandcastle That Lola Built" by Megan Maynor.





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM

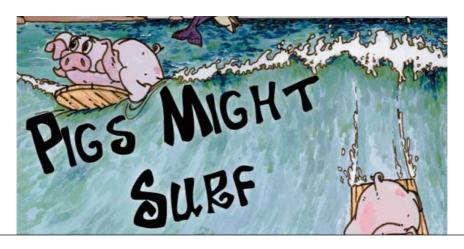


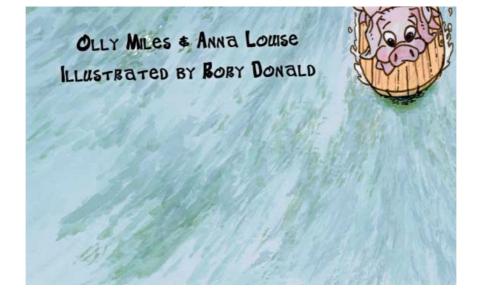
The Butterfly Room will be using seaside themed tuff trays with sand, water, shells, pebbles and different pieces of material to simulate seaweed, water and sand. The children will have sea themed play dough mats to enhance their fine motor skills.

The Butterflies will have trays with thin layers of sand for them to mark make in.

They will also use their creative skills to make a habitat for a variety of sea creatures. We will be looking at flash cards and learning new animal names for different wildlife that live by or in the sea.

The Butterfly book of the month will be: "Pigs Might Surf" by Ollie Miles and Anna Louise





SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Bringing the seaside theme into everyday moments can spark joy and learning far beyond the classroom. Here are some easy ideas for home that align with EYFS areas of development:

Personal, Social & Emotional Development

Talk about feelings: Use the idea of going on a seaside adventure to chat about excitement, nervousness, and change especially for those heading off to school soon.

Role play: Set up a pretend beach with towels, sunglasses, and ice cream shop play to encourage taking turns and sharing.

Communication & Language

Seaside stories: Read books like Sharing a Shell by Julia Donaldson or The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch and talk about the characters and settings.
 Talk and imagine: Ask open-ended questions like "What would you pack for the beach?" or "What might you find in a rockpool?"

Expressive Arts & Design

Beach crafts: Create fish using paper plates, glue on some pasta shells, or make sand art with glue and salt for texture.

Music and dance: Sing seaside songs like "A Sailor Went to Sea" and move like crabs, waves, or jellyfish!

Mathematics

Shell count: Count and sort shells, stones, or buttons by size, shape, or color. **Patterns in nature**: Explore patterns in beach towels, shells, and striped deckchairs.

Literacy

Mark making: Write letters in sand or flour with fingers and sticks.

Treasure maps: Draw your own map to buried treasure great for storytelling and pre-writing skills.

Understanding the World

Explore sea life: Watch videos or visit an aquarium to learn about sea creatures.

Seaside talk: Compare photos of the seaside now and in the past to see how it has changed. These activities turn ordinary moments into magical learning opportunities with plenty of giggles, discovery, and sunshine along the way.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st August Graduation and Garden Party Join us in honouring the achievements of our graduates. There will be a brief ceremony to recognize and celebrate their hard work and dedication.

Garden Party: Enjoy a relaxing and joyous garden party with family and friends. We'll have beautiful decorations, music, and plenty of delicious food and drinks.

Enjoy carnival games and a visit from our favourite children's entertainer, Mr Marvel. Capture the special moments with friends and family as we celebrate this wonderful occasion.

Please come dressed in your favourite summer attire and be ready to celebrate and make memories. We look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion.

POLITE REMINDERS

Due to the weather and our theme, we will be doing lots of extra water play. Please ensure your child has weather appropriate spare clothes.

Please can we ask that children do not attend nursery wearing beaded necklaces and bracelets, these are a choking hazard if they break on the premises.

With the sunshine, children tend to start losing layers of clothing, please can you ensure all coats, cardigans, hoodies, clothes, shoes and boots are all labelled.



We have had some lovely reviews left for us on <u>The Day Nurseries website</u>, please feel free to leave a <u>review</u> and also on <u>google</u>. You can ask member of staff for a form or use the QR code link that can be found on the outdoor notice boards

In addition we would encourage your review and positive comments on our **google** business page.









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