April 2025 Newsletter

We are so pleased to welcome you back to our April newsletter. We have lots of exciting events and activities to share with you, so please read on for more information.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

Hi everyone,

It feels like we just got back from the Easter holidays and we are already in April! Time flies when we are having fun! We have lots of exciting events and activities happening in the nursery this month, including our Easter Bonnet Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Bunny and Bake Off, and our Spring Fair. We hope you will be able to join us for some of these events.

Unfortunately, we have had to say goodbye to our Nursery Manager, Ashleigh, who has been with us for 5 years. We wish her all the best in her new role and we are very pleased to have her back in our Nursery as a parent!

We have also included in this newsletter a reminder of our Nursery Policies and Procedures, which we kindly request that you read and adhere to.

Thank you for your support, continued efforts and patience as we navigate through the year ahead. We are very pleased to have all our staff and families with us on this journey.

Looking ahead, we are very excited to share updates on upcoming activities and events, so keep a lookout for exciting updates coming soon!

Warm regards,
Michelle, Natasha, Jessica, Ashleigh, Kerry, Sarah, Sharon, Tracey, Chelsea

A LOOK BACK AT MARCH'S HIGHLIGHTS

The Lollipop Room celebrated Mothering Sunday with a tea party, where children made cards and enjoyed a special tea with their mums. This was followed by a fun day in the garden, with bubbles, ice cream, and plenty of smiles.

The Butterfly Room celebrated Mothering Sunday with a special tea party, where children made cards and shared a delicious tea with their mums. They then had an afternoon in the garden to finish the day off in style.

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC WILL BE LIFE CYCLES

This month, our children will be exploring the fascinating world of life cycles, learning about the stages of growth and transformation in various living creatures. We will be using a variety of books, including stories, nonfiction, and poetry, to spark curiosity and deepen understanding of how plants and animals change over time.

Our main activity will be the arrival of our caterpillars, which will allow the children to observe the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly in a hands-on way.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE LADYBIRD ROOM

This picture frame will be being filled with photos from the Ladybird Room throughout the month.

Laminated lunch at the month will be: Pea, Ham Soup (vegetarian)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM

This Memory Wall will be being filled with photos from the Caterpillar Room throughout the month.

Lunch at the month will be: Cottage Pie, Veg or Cottage Pie (vegetarian)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM

This Memory Wall will be being filled with photos from the Butterfly Room throughout the month.

Lunch at the month will be: Pea, Ham Soup (vegetarian) Cottage Pie, Veg or Cottage Pie (vegetarian) and Apple Tart.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Here are some ideas to help your child develop their fine motor skills:

- Cutting shapes out of paper
- Using tweezers to pick up small objects
- Threading beads or pasta onto a string
- Using a pegboard to create patterns
- Using a hole punch to make holes in paper
- Using a pipette to transfer water between containers

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1st April Bell Celebration: We are excited to announce that our Nursery will be ringing a bell to celebrate the start of April. The bell will be rung at 10am to celebrate our commencement for the month, and anyone is welcome to join us in the garden at that time. The bell will be rung throughout the month whenever a child celebrates, and may be spoken about with the children. We look forward to celebrating with our Nursery family!

2nd April: Easter Bonnet Parade: We are excited to announce that our Easter Bonnet Parade will be taking place on the morning of Wednesday the 2nd. Parents are invited to join us in the garden at 10am to watch their children parade their Easter bonnets. We will be having a glorious afternoon in the garden, so please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear. Refreshments will be provided.

2nd April: Nine children's Parents' Evening: We are pleased to inform you that we will be hosting parents' evenings for our children in the Caterpillar Room, Butterfly Room, and Ladybird Room on the evening of Wednesday the 2nd April. These evenings provide an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress and development with their key person. We will be sharing observations, assessments, and discussing how your child is thriving in our nursery, including their interests, strengths, and areas for growth. We kindly request that parents book their slots in advance to ensure we can accommodate everyone comfortably. Let's work together to celebrate and support the journey of our children!

2nd April: Bellwood Nursery Bake off 2025: We kick off our Nursery bake off competition on Wednesday the 2nd April. Parents are invited to bake a delicious treat at home and bring it in to share with the children and staff. The bake off will be a fun way to celebrate the warmer weather of Bellwood Nursery, but also provide a chance for parents to spend quality time with their children.

Easter Egg Hunt: We are excited to announce that our Easter Egg Hunt will take place on the morning of Friday the 4th April. Parents are invited to join us in the garden at 10am to watch their children hunt for Easter eggs. We will be having a glorious afternoon in the garden, so please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear. Refreshments will be provided.

Easter Bunny and Bake Off: We are excited to announce that our annual Easter Bunny and Bake Off will be taking place on the afternoon of Friday the 4th April. Parents are invited to bring in a delicious Easter treat to share with the children and staff. The Easter Bunny will be visiting the nursery to judge the bakes and crown a winner! We look forward to celebrating the warmer weather of Bellwood Nursery, but also provide a chance for parents to spend quality time with their children.

10th April: Bellwood Nursery Spring Fair: We are pleased to announce that our annual Spring Fair will be taking place on the afternoon of Thursday the 10th April. We will be having a variety of fun activities, including a bouncy castle, face painting, a photo booth, and a raffle. We look forward to celebrating the warmer weather of Bellwood Nursery, but also provide a chance for parents to spend quality time with their children.

17th April: Bellwood Nursery Bake off 2025: We kick off our Nursery bake off competition on Thursday the 17th April. Parents are invited to bake a delicious treat at home and bring it in to share with the children and staff. The bake off will be a fun way to celebrate the warmer weather of Bellwood Nursery, but also provide a chance for parents to spend quality time with their children.

17th April: Easter Bonnet Parade: We are excited to announce that our annual Easter Bonnet Parade will be taking place on the morning of Thursday the 17th April. Parents are invited to join us in the garden at 10am to watch their children parade their Easter bonnets. We will be having a glorious afternoon in the garden, so please ensure your child is wearing appropriate clothing and footwear. Refreshments will be provided.

WILLOWOOD HOUSE DUCKS

POLITE REMINDERS

Our Nursery operates using a cashless approach, which means that we do not accept cash payments for any fees or activities.

Along with the sunshine, children will be spending much more time outside in the garden, so please ensure your child has a pair of wellies and a suitable coat.

Our Nursery operates on set collections policy and fees are due by standard direct debit on the 1st of each month. Please ensure your child's fees are paid on time.