

A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

October Newsletter - A Month of Autumn Adventures! 🙈

Thank you so much for your incredible patience and understanding during our unexpected nursery closure due to the power cut, your cooperation and support meant the world to us and helped us manage the situation smoothly.

As the crisp autumn air begins to settle in and the days grow cooler, we kindly remind parents to send children in weather-appropriate clothing, coats, hats, and waterproof shoes are especially helpful for our outdoor play and learning.

September was a truly special month at nursery, filled with excitement and discovery as we explored the theme of *People Who Help Us*. The children were captivated by real-life heroes who took time out of their busy schedules to visit us and share their important roles in our community.

- A heartfelt thank you to the Beaconsfield Blue Watch firefighters, who brought their fire engine to nursery and gave the children an unforgettable hands-on experience, including using the fire hose!
- ☼ We also loved welcoming Angela from Thames Valley Police, who read us a story and talked about her job keeping people safe.

And a big thank you to Pavendeep Muder for demonstrating what it is like to be a doctor, our little ones were fascinated by the tools and stories she shared.

To top it all off, we'd like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who supported our **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £345.00 for a truly worthy cause.

We are so grateful to all our visitors for inspiring the children and helping them understand the many ways people care for others. Here is to a season of learning, laughter, and lots of layers!

The Millwood House Management Team





A LOOK BACK AT LAST MONTH

Last Month's Highlights

The Ladybird Room The children were absolutely thrilled by the visit from the firefighters! They showed a keen interest in all the fascinating equipment—especially anything with buttons, like the radios and heat cameras. But the highlight of the day, without a doubt, was getting to spray the fire hose! The joy and wonder on their faces made it a truly unforgettable experience.

The Caterpillar Room have had a fantastic time exploring the roles and responsibilities of people who help us, with a special focus on doctors and dentists. The children were fascinated by the different tools used in these professions and loved learning how they help keep us healthy. We've also been practicing the best way to brush our teeth and talking about which foods help keep our bodies strong—and which ones are better as occasional treats. It's been a brilliant mix of hands-on learning and healthy habits!

The Butterfly Room The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting the police officer, firefighters, and doctor—these exciting visits sparked a whole new wave of conversation and curiosity. We noticed a wonderful expansion in vocabulary as the children eagerly discussed uniforms, equipment, and the important jobs these helpers do. The topic inspired lots of imaginative role play too, with little ones dressing up, pretending to drive fire engines, care for patients, and keep the community safe. It's been a joy to watch their confidence and understanding grow through such meaningful, hands-on learning.







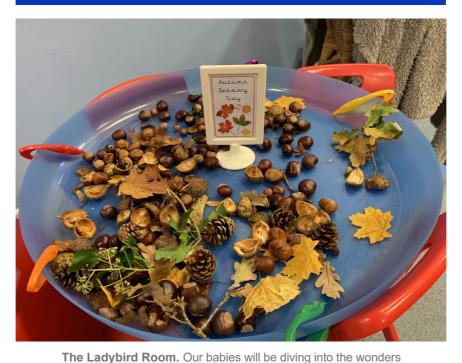




THIS MONTH'S TOPIC WILL BE 'AUTUMN'

This month, our nursery topic is *Autumn*, and the children will be busy exploring all the wonderful changes this season brings. From crunchy leaves and conkers to shorter days and cooler weather, we will be using all our senses to observe the world around us. Through stories, songs, nature walks, and creative activities, the children are learning about seasonal colours, hibernation, harvest time, and how animals and people prepare for the colder months. It is a magical time of year, and we look forward to every moment of our autumnal adventures!

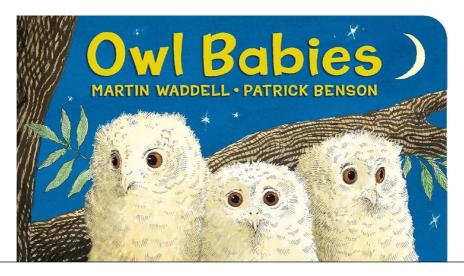
WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE LADYBIRD ROOM



of *Autumn* through a variety of sensory-rich experiences. We'll be collecting colourful leaves from the garden to use in our sensory trays, where little hands can explore textures and create beautiful leaf prints with paint. Nature treasure baskets filled with pinecones, conkers, and autumnal finds will encourage curiosity and discovery, while our mini harvest play will introduce seasonal vegetables in a fun and tactile way.

To complement our book of the month, the babies will also be making adorable owl pictures—perfect for celebrating the cosy charm of the season.

Ladybird book of the month will be: "Owl Babies" by Martin Waddell





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM



This October, the Caterpillars will be embracing the beauty of *Autumn* with lots of seasonal fun and exploration. They will be heading out on autumn walks around the garden, collecting natural treasures like leaves, sticks, conkers, and acorns. Back inside, the children will use their finds to create beautiful leaf print pictures and dive into sensory trays filled with autumnal textures. We will also be exploring pumpkins—feeling their bumpy skins, scooping out seeds, and talking about their colours and shapes. It is a wonderful way to connect with nature and spark curiosity through hands-on learning.

The Caterpillar class will be celebrating Apple Day on 21st October.

Caterpillar book of the month will be: "Autumn is Here" by Heidi Pross Gray.





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM

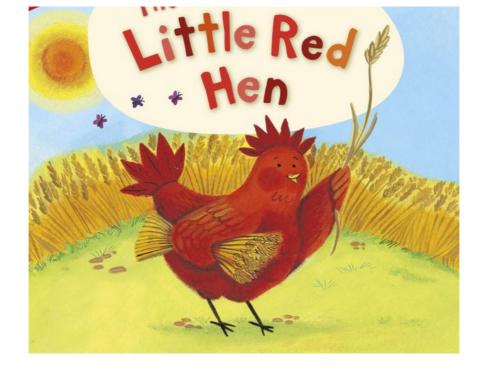


The Butterfly Room will be diving into the magic of *Autumn* with a wonderful mix of creative and sensory activities. The children will be making adorable hedgehog pictures using leaves and shredded wheat—perfect for exploring textures and celebrating seasonal wildlife.

Our Autumn exploration tray will be filled with natural treasures for leaf picture making, and the children will also be crafting their own nature wands using sticks, leaves, and other garden finds. As we look closely at the colours of autumn, we'll also be learning about animal habitats and how creatures prepare for the colder months. It's a beautiful season for curiosity and creativity!

The Butterfly book of the month will be: "Little Red Hen" by Ronne Randall





SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Go on Nature Walks Take your toddler on short walks to collect leaves, sticks, conkers, and acorns. Talk about the colours, shapes, and sounds—this builds vocabulary and observation skills.

Leaf Art at Home Use collected leaves for painting, printing, or gluing onto paper. Let your child explore textures and patterns while creating their own autumn masterpiece.

Read Autumn-Themed Books Choose picture books that feature falling leaves, woodland animals, or harvest time. Reading together helps build language and seasonal understanding.

Create a Nature Basket Fill a small basket with safe, natural items like pinecones, mini pumpkins, and fabric leaves. Let your toddler explore and talk about what they see and feel.

Explore Autumn Vegetables Let your child help wash or touch seasonal veggies like squash, carrots, and sweet potatoes. Talk about their colours, shapes, and how they grow.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

20th October. Diwali – Children can wear party clothes or traditional clothes, each room will have Diwali activities and we will prepare a special menu.

30-31st October. Halloween Celebrations, Children can dress up and each room will have themed activities and a spooky menu.

11-12th November. We will be taking Christmas photos of the children.

10th December Morning. Christmas stay and play and visit to Santa for Ladybirds and Caterpillars.

10th December Afternoon. Butterfly Christmas Play and Santa Visit.

16th December Evening. Carols in the garden with the Salvation Army.

18th December. Christmas Lunch and Elf Day

POLITE REMINDERS

As the weather starts to change, please ensure your child has a jumper in their bag, a coat, and suitable shoes. Please ensure these are all visibly labelled.

The children play outside in all weathers please can you supply labelled wellington boots and slippers.

We have noticed an increase in children wearing beaded necklaces and bracelets, these are not advisable, In the event of breakages they become choking hazards.



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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