



The Academy of Woodlands Nursery Newsletter

January 2025



Welcome to all familiar faces and new to our nursery!

Here at Woodlands we welcome you and your children to a safe, secure and stimulating environment. Every child matters to us, their welfare and well being is paramount. Every child's individual needs are met through settings, planning and Parent/Carer reviews. We actively encourage Parent/Carer involvement and have an open door policy.

Here you can find out more about what each room is doing this term and general information!



Poppies

In Poppies room this term we will be looking at a different book each week and we will be creating fun activities for the children to take part in based on these books. So far, we have looked at Dear Zoo and We're Going on a Bear Hunt. The activities will help children to develop their speech and language skills as well as expand their knowledge of animals, where they live and what noises they make. The other books we will be looking at are The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Monkey Puzzle and The Gruffalo.



Daisies

This term in Daisies room we are looking at primary colours, red, yellow and blue. We will also be investigating Chinese New Year, The Year of the Snake. We are planning different craft activities and reading books relating to all the subjects, the children will have the opportunity to participate in Chinese food tasting.



Buttercups We have been talking about celebrations this term. The main one we have focused on is Chinese New Year, the children have been doing lots of art work and different activities for this celebration.



Daffodils and Sunflowers



In Daffodils and Sunflowers this term we have begun NELI, our language intervention programme. We will be reading a different book each week and enjoying lots of different Interactive activities that reinforce the special words that we are learning with the books. As well as NELI we will also be including activities and experiences that cover the whole curriculum.



Our books this term include:

Neon Leon, Pip and Posy—The Bedtime Frog, Don't wake up the Tiger, Three Little Pigs, Copy Cat.

Forest School

As you are aware the children visit the Forest School weekly. Can you please make sure that all children have wellies and suitable clothing in the Nursery to use for their visit.



Thursday (AM) - Daffodils & Buttercups

Friday (AM) - Sunflowers, Poppies & Daisies

Please could you make sure that you ring, email or use Studybugs if your child is unwell and unable to make their nursery session. This message will then be passed onto the room.



Reminder

Now as the weather has started to get colder, can you please provide your child with a coat and make sure that it is labelled with their name.



Also can you make sure that your child has a spare set of clothes with them for each session.

Please don't forget to check our website for the latest information and events that are coming up.

Childcare Choices

2 Year Funding

We offer places for children entitled to the 2 year old funding scheme, 15 hours FREE childcare per week, term time only.

To find out if you are entitled you can contact Family Information Service on 01634 332195 or familyinfo@medway.gov.uk

3 Year Funding

Every child aged 3 and 4 years old are entitled to 15 hours FREE childcare per week, term time only, from the term after their 3rd birthday.

Some children with working Parents/Carers are entitled to an additional **FREE 15 hours** childcare per week.

To find out if you are eligible you can go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Please make sure that you renew your code on time every three months.



HM Government



Term Dates

Friday 14th February Last Day of Term 3

Monday 24th February First day of Term 4

Key dates for Primary School admissions 2025

We hope that you have all made your Primary school application as the national closing date was 5pm on Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Offers will be sent out to parents/carers on Wednesday 16th April 2025

Gate times:

Please be reminded that the gates are shut from the times below:

8.20am—9am

2.45pm—3.30pm

Please note the car park is not to be used for dropping the children off in the nursery.

Please make sure you check our website for any updates.

Dates to Remember!



- ◆ Invoices are sent out on the 15th of the month.
- ◆ Invoices need to be paid by the 1st of the month. If not received by this date a £25 late charge will be applied.
- ◆ Any permanent session changes must be changed before the 10th of the month so that invoices can be amended accordingly.
- ◆ 1 month's written notice must be given when your child leaves the nursery.

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