WimbledonChase

9th November 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. We have lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for this half term.



Our main topic this term is '**Fantastic Festivals'.** We will be learning about different festivals and celebrations that happen around the world, especially those that are familiar to our children. Throughout this topic we will be giving the children opportunities to lead their own learning.
Throughout the half term we will be encouraging the children to focus on developing a range of skills during child-initiated play and adult-led learning. The table below outlines some of our expectations this term:

Curriculum Overview for this half term

Physical development	• Exploring large muscle movements • Exploring different ways to travel • Putting on coats and outdoor accessories. Doing up zip independently
Communication and language	• Talking about our experiences of different celebrations • Singing a repertoire of songs • Using a wider range of vocabulary • Respond to two part instructions e.g. to put your coat on and wait at the door
Personal, social and emotional development	• To begin to use words to communicate their feelings • Playing with one or more children, extending play ideas • Develop a sense of responsibility for the Nursery community
Maths	• Begin to know, recognise and understand numbers to 5 • Make comparisons between two sets of objects (more/less/ • Use language of size to compare different objects
Literacy	• Join in with repeated refrains in familiar stories • Begin to notice rhyming words in books and rhymes • Explore different mark making tools and begin to choose appropriate tools for purpose

Drop off

A gentle reminder that the school day starts promptly at **8:30am**. Any children that arrive after **8:40am** receive a late mark in the register. It is important to start good time keeping habits ready for starting school, as coming late can disrupt the school day.

Christmas

Christmas is fast approaching and we are planning to give the children a broad range of experiences during this time. Along with baking; art and crafts; singing and dancing, we will be joining Reception to perform the Christmas Nativity to you. The dates of the shows are:

- **Tuesday 1st December at 9:20am**
- **Wednesday 2nd December at 2pm**
- **Thursday 3rd December at 9:20am**

For the performance your child is going to be a **Star**. We are making crowns at Nursery but please provide a black t-shirt/top with stars on it and black joggers/leggings in a labelled bag on **Monday 30th November.** All children will wear their normal Nursery shoes for the performance.

Reserving Tickets for the Christmas Performance. Each family will be able to book up to 4 tickets over the 3 performances.A separate letter will follow regarding how to book your tickets.

Reminders

- Please ensure your child has two changes of spare clothes in their nursery bag.
- Please label your children's clothes, water bottles and lunch boxes.
- Feel free to share any exciting experiences you have at home on Tapestry as the children love to share what they do at home during 'Tapestry time.'

Dates

Important Nursery dates for this term are as follows:

- **Thursday 12th November** - Share my Learning Evening - 3:45pm to 7:00pm
- **Friday 13th November:** Children in Need day (cash donation)
- **Monday 16th Novembe**r- Odd sock day (children can wear odd socks)
- **Saturday 28th November:** Christmas Fair 3pm- 6pm
- **Monday 14th December:** Nursery Christmas Party. Children may wear party clothes. Bring a box/ bag of party snacks e.g. some fruit, a cake or biscuit, crisps labeled with your child's name. The children will be eating **their own food and not sharing**. The children will have lunch as normal.
- **Thursday 17th December:** Last day of term for Nursery
- **Tuesday 5th January 2026:** Children return to school

Sponsored event

Thank you for sponsoring your child with our sponsored Bunny hop, just before half term. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was lovely to see their competitive sides come out. From your generosity we have raised £350. Please send in any outstanding money to add to our pot. We are aiming to transform our nursery into a more natural and calming space, with a focus on introducing wooden toys and natural materials.

Donations

Please continue to send in any recyclable materials we can use for model-making. If you have any wicker baskets or wooden toys at home that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for your donations to the nursery. As the colder weather arrives, little noses tend to require more tissues. Please send in any donations of boxes of tissues. We would be grateful for the donations of table salt as we get through it quickly when making our weekly playdough.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask a member of the Nursery team.

Kind regards,

Miss Edwards & the Nursery Team