



# Greengairs Nursery Class

## April Newsletter 2025



### Learning in nursery:

Learning is always hands on and creative in nursery and this block has also been really busy!

Our backdrop plan comes from staff observations, staff plan with common features including seasons, events, and celebrations.

This block we have looked at our senses, ECO, and safety. Our children are working well to understand recycling is important and they take part in recycling food waste and paper every day. This is a fun process for all with ECO badges and Hi-Viz jackets. We joined the primary school to celebrate our tenth ECO flag award and our nursery contribution was praised by the assessor. We aim to support ECO interest as we progress through school.

Some of the children have joined in forest school experiences and learning in the woods has been truly effective.

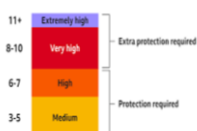
The Three read approach has helped the children to understand a book is more than just a story.

We have been learning about signs and how they help us navigate where we are and what they are telling us. A fun way to understanding reading in the environment.

Our garden play hut door is always open with a dolls house for imaginative play, writing table for literacy, comfy corner with bean bags and story books. We have a small storage unit that allows children to continue using community blocks outdoors.

### **Sun protection:**

Please help us to protect your child. Sun cream is very important to protect your child from UV levels, please be mindful UV levels can penetrate through clouds and can be present even when it is windy or cold. There is a sign on the door and information wall that will be updated three times daily as we track the UV levels in nursery. Please apply sun protection



### Transition to primary school:

It's that time of year on our nursery calendar when we increase the transitional experiences for our children starting school August 2025.

We have reflected on the skills of our nursery team and believe it is important to utilise their skills in our programme of events for all children involved during the transition period.

Play pedagogy has been central to your children's learning and we aim to keep that ethos and use it to support children to make their transition flow and remain natural.

Your child has been on this transition journey from the day they started nursery. They are now familiar with the gym hall, dining hall and school playground where they access this for bike mobility.

We have put together a programme of events to suit everyone's interests and needs, including Forest school, Three Read and Gym Hall experiences, Learning literacy and numeracy in a model of play pedagogy.

Your child's transition will be fun, engaging, and energetic with the support of our peers in primary school.

Transition events have now started, with a calendar of dates and experiences planned.

### Diary Dates - March

#### **April**

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> April: Decorate an egg                                | } Something to do at home |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> April: Decorate a Bonnet/hat                          |                           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April: School assembly Easter 9:30a.m.                |                           |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April: Daffodil tea, sing-along. 1:45p.m. all welcome |                           |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> April: Easter egg hunt at Black-tongue farm           |                           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> April: Monday nursery closed Spring break.            |                           |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> April: Tuesday nursery re-opens.                     |                           |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> April: welcome to our nursery new starts.            |                           |

### **Staff training:**

Staff continue to upskill their own knowledge and understanding in early years.

Lorna will start a two-day training using the Solihull approach.

The Solihull Approach brings together three core psychological constructs of containment, reciprocity, and behaviour management with the aim of helping parents understand their child's behaviour in the context of their development and the parent-child relationship.

### **Stay and Play:**

We hope you found the new system of choosing day and time more suitable for your family needs.

Our aim was to make stay and play as open door as possible. Please fill in the QR code to help evaluate our stay and play.

Evaluations are important and help us to improve the service we provide in nursery.

**Mobile phones:** Please refrain from using your mobile phone in the nursery playroom or garden area.

Cameras can be accessed through mobile phones and NLC prohibit the use of them on educational settings.

Thank you for your understanding.

### **Fund raising event.**

Staff are planning our summer event fundraiser and need your support to make our fundraising experience successful.

You can join us on a sponsored walk around the village. We will plan a safe route featuring all the familiar features in the village.

Learning about our local community is important and where your child feels a sense of belonging.

We have still to plan a date and venue but hopefully we will have this organised very soon with your help!

Have a look at the links and let us know what you think.

Cloybank farm: Denny <https://g.co/kgs/4iygNg7>

Briarlands: Stirling <https://g.co/kgs/Tg22Mgg>

Almond valley: Livingstone <https://g.co/kgs/obHBNmt>

### **Fun day Friday:**

First Friday in April we are having a wear yellow day.

Yellow is always the sign of happiness and new life. With it being the beginning of Spring we through wearing a bit of yellow would be our way to start our learning in Spring.

### **Spring sing-along:**

Children have been practicing new songs to provide a little sing-along for you to enjoy.

We invite all parents to come along for a thank you coffee afternoon on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 1:45p.m.

We appreciate all that you do for us throughout the year and agreed it would be a nice idea to say thank you by offering you this opportunity to join us in the gym hall for a 'a coffee and cake or a wee cuppa.'

Our sing-along is on the same day as room 3 assembly where the children will be singing one of our sing-along songs, you are welcome to join. If find you are unable to attend both, your child will be singing the assembly song at our nursery sing-along too.

**Weekly Contributions:** Your kindness goes a long way.

Thank you for your weekly contributions, as well as snacks we have been able to purchase bulbs, compost, and Easter eggs for all children.

### **Defibrillators: In memory of John Davies**

Defibrillators are devices that apply an electric charge or current to the heart to restore a normal heartbeat. If the heart rhythm stops due to cardiac arrest, also known as sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), a defibrillator may help it start beating again.

St. John's ambulance will provide training on 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2:00p.m. everyone welcome. Two defibrillators will be located within Greengairs area. Bowling green and St. Dominic's church.



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