



St Brendan's Nursery Class

"Growing and Learning Together"



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Newsletter – August 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing, and fun-filled summer holiday with your families. We are delighted to welcome our children and families back to nursery and look forward to an exciting year ahead. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to the new children and families joining our nursery community. We can't wait to share lots of wonderful learning experiences and special moments with you throughout the year.

The start of a new term is always an exciting time. Our team has been busy preparing engaging activities and learning opportunities that will help your child settle in, build friendships, and continue to grow in confidence.

Staffing Update

There has been some staff changes this term. Sadly, Mrs Madden, who was based in the 2-3 room, has taken up a new post in another nursery this session. We wish her well in this next step of her career. We welcome Mr McKean to our nursery who is taking up the post of Support Worker within the Little Explorer's Playroom.

Our current staffing is as follows:

3-5 Little Adventurers Room

Mrs Muircroft – Lead Early Learning Practitioner
Mrs Dykes – Bumblebee Group Key Worker
Mrs Gray & Mrs McCulloch – Ladybird Group Key Worker
Miss Maria - Spider Group Key Worker
Mrs Adams – Dragonfly Group Key Worker
Mrs Henderson – Support Worker

2-3 Little Adventurers Room

Miss Lowe - Lead Early Learning Practitioner
Mrs Kelly - Early Learning Practitioner
Mr J McKean - Support Worker

Parental Engagement

We would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership. Working together helps us provide the very best experience for every child, we value the important role you play in your child's learning journey. We are currently reviewing children's Personal Plans and targets, and we will be meeting with families over the coming weeks.

Our first 'Stay & Play' Sessions of the year will take place in September & October, each group will be given a date for 1 of the child's parent/carer to come along to the nursery and join in with the activities on offer. This provides a wonderful opportunity to see your child in the nursery setting and learn more about the exciting play and learning experiences the children take part in every day.

On Wednesday 9th September at 2.00pm, we warmly invite you to join us for our 'Cuppa & Chat' session. This informal gathering is a great opportunity for parents and carers to meet with Mrs Muircroft, our Lead Practitioner in the 3-5 room and enjoy a chat, find out more about what is happening in the nursery and meet up with other nursery families. Mrs Muircroft will share information about upcoming activities and events, as well as ways that parents and families can become involved in nursery life. We hope to hold these sessions each term and look forward to welcoming you along.

Lending Library

The Lending Library is back up and running this week thanks to the support of a parent helper. This is a weekly programme where children will be given a book home to share with their families. We ask that you take the time to read and talk about the book with your child as this helps to develop their early literacy skills.

If you have any spare time and would like to come into nursery to read a story to a group of children please let one of the team know and we will arrange a time for you to do so.

Rights Respecting Award

We are setting up our 'Nursery Charter' which links to the UNCRC and this will help the children understand how we treat others in nursery so that everyone's rights are respected. Look out for information on this in the coming months!

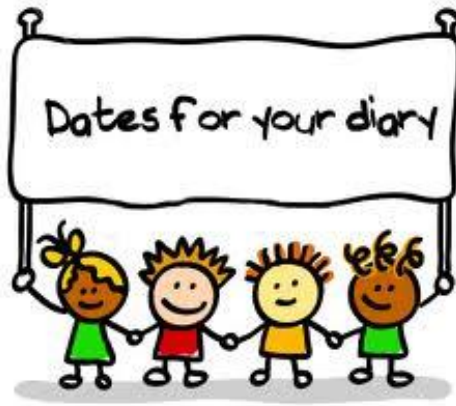
Important Dates

Please see below for a list of important dates between now and December. There will be more information to follow about these events in due course. If you have any questions, concerns, or information you would like to share with us, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the nursery team.

We are looking forward to a happy and successful term ahead.

Warm regards,

The Nursery Team



September

Wednesday 9 th September	Cuppa & Chat 2pm-2.40pm Venue TBC
Wednesday 16 th September	Bumblebee Stay & Play 9.15-10.15am
Wednesday 23 rd September	Spiders Stay & Play 9.15-10.15am
Friday 25 th September	School & Nursery Closed (September Weekend)
Monday 28 th September	School & Nursery Closed (September Weekend)
Tuesday 29 th September	Parent Council Meeting in School at 6.00pm
Wednesday 30 th September	Ladybird Stay & Play 9.15-10.15am

October

Wednesday 7 th October	Dragonfly Stay & Play 9.15-10.15am
Monday 12 th October	School and Nursery closed - October Week
Monday 19 th October	School and Nursery reopen
Friday 30 th October	Halloween Activity Day

November

Tuesday 10 th November	Parent Council Meeting 6.00pm
Monday 16 th November	In-Service Day – School and Nursery closed to children
Friday 27 th November	St. Andrew's Celebration

December

Friday 11 th December	Christmas Events & Celebrations
Friday 18 th December	School & Nursery close for Christmas Holidays