

Banbury School Day Nursery Newsletter
23rd September 2022



DATES OF NURSERY CLOSURE IN 2022

We are closed:

16th December 2022 - Last day of term before Christmas, we will close at 5.30pm

Nursery will re-open Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Important date: Parents meeting for ALL ROOMS, Thursday 20th October 6.00-8.00pm.

Parents will be sent a separate email address to let Aaron know that they would like an appointment and he will send a time over for a 15 minute slot. Please try to arrive on time for your slot as some staff have a lot of key children that they will have appointments for.

Session times

If your child is booked in for a full day, this is from 8am-5:30pm, please do not drop your child off before 8am (unless an early drop off has been pre-discussed with Andrea or a senior member of staff).

However, some children's funding means their sessions begin from 8:30am; if you are unsure if this applies to you, please ask a member of staff or Aaron who will be happy to help.

Also we understand sometimes there may be unavoidable delays due to traffic but please try to collect your child by 5:30pm (again, unless a later pick up has already been discussed and approved). If you are running late and think you may not arrive by 5:30pm please ring the nursery to let us know to ensure there is a member of staff available to look after your child.

Both an early drop off and/or late collection fee apply and will be charged if your child is at nursery out of their booked session times. If your child does a short day please ensure they have been collected by the end of their session (which may be either 2:30pm, 2:45pm or 3:30pm depending on their funding and agreed hours), if they are collected later or after their session has finished you will also be charged the late fee.

Family photos

We would really appreciate it if we could have family photos for the rooms please; the star room are currently making a display in their room showing family photos, the moon room children are enjoying looking through them and talking about their families and who they see in the photos, and the sun room are making a scrapbook to have in their quiet room.

Packed lunches

Please remember to include cutlery in your child's packed lunch, especially spoons for yoghurts in pots. We are still having a lot of children in the sun room not having a spoon for their yoghurt and unfortunately they do not have access to cutlery in the sun room so we are having to send the yoghurt home and not be able to let them eat it.

Also please remember if your child has grapes, to cut them lengthways, grapes pose a significant choking hazard to under 5s and grapes that are not cut lengthways are a lot harder to swallow and pose a high risk of getting stuck when your child swallows them. Unfortunately we have been having grapes sent in either hole or cut widthways and we are having to send them home and not allow your child to eat them.

Nursery library

The nursery library was a great hit with the children last year - we had lots of lovely feedback from the children, and messages and photos included by parents and returned to the nursery. The library has now started up again with a few children per week in both the moon and sun room taking a set of books to enjoy at home. We hope you enjoy them but please could they be returned after a week to allow another child to enjoy them too, if you have any questions please speak to Lauren W.

We are also pleased to share that the baby room has now got their own library with rhyming and activity bags coming home - these include stories, makaton signs to try, song words, puppets and bubbles. We aim to give every child a chance to take a bag home so please return the bag after a week of using it, but every child should get a turn over the next term. If you have any questions please speak to Faith or Rebecca.

Sun room

In the sun room we are trying to discourage the play of games such as power rangers, superheroes catching baddies, cops and robbers etc and encouraging the children to think of different ways to play games outside. We understand that the children are playing imaginatively and creatively, however some children are using hands in a negative way.

Star of the Week

As of next week, the sun room will be having a 'Star of the Week', their picture will get to go on this board and their achievements will be recognised by their teachers and discussed with their friends throughout the week. They may be the star for a number of reasons;

for example toilet training, settling well into the new room, welcoming a new sibling and being a good big sister/brother at home, or for modelling excellent behaviour. If your child is currently working towards achieving something or you think they deserve to be star of the week please let a member of the sun room staff know.



We also have the 'Helper of the Day' in the sun room where the child will get to help the teachers do various tasks throughout the day; such as taking the trolley to the kitchen, standing at the front of the line when going outside and getting to ring the bell at tidy up time. There is also a tabard that they can wear if they wish so that they can look like their teachers.

Rhythmic Jems

Starting from the 2nd November, the sun room will be having a Rhythmic Jems session every week (during term time) on a Wednesday at 10am. The children who attend nursery on a

Wednesday will be split into 2 groups and take it in turns over the term to join in the session. Some of the preschool children had a taster session last week and really enjoyed themselves and were talking about it all afternoon, asking when they would be able to do it again.

If you are interested in seeing what they will be doing, she also has a facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RhythmicJems>.



Music, Movement, Drama

Rhythmic Jems

Let's all have fun!

MUSIC, MOVEMENT, DRAMA
2-6 YEAR OLDS

Emotional awareness
Listening
Concentration
Imagination
Coordination
Rhythm
Confidence

Playing musical instruments
Exploring our faces
Moving our bodies
Using our imaginations
Singing
Pretending
Acting

To register your interest or to find out about classes please get in touch:
f Rhythmicjems ✉ Jemstones2010@gmail.com

The image is a colorful flyer for 'Rhythmic Jems' classes. It features a central collage of photos showing children engaged in various activities like playing instruments, singing, and acting. The flyer includes the organization's logo, a list of activities, and contact information for registration.

Halloween

Halloween is on Monday 31st October and we would like to encourage your child to dress up this day; however it can be any dressing up, it doesn't have to be Halloween. Their afternoon snack will be Halloween based and we will try and get dairy free options as well for the children that have allergies.

Other information

A polite reminder that no dogs are allowed on school grounds, please avoid bringing them with you when dropping off or picking your child up.

Please try to send your child in appropriate footwear to nursery, we have had a few children coming to nursery in wellies recently and whilst we appreciate you may have to walk in wet/muddy areas, please try to change your child into shoes/trainers before they come into nursery - or please bring a pair of shoes and the staff will happily change them once they settle into the room after being dropped off.

We ask this due to them not being very supportive for their feet when worn for the whole day, potentially causing them to trip or not walk on their feet properly. If you need the pair at hand for walking home we are happy to keep them on your child's peg ready for when you pick them up.

Winter illnesses

As we are getting into winter, respiratory infections will be on the rise again, it is common for the children to have snotty noses, mild coughs and colds, but if your child is feeling really under the weather or has a high temperature we would encourage you to keep them at home where possible. This website provides information of what signs to look out for and also when they may need to be seen by a doctor or seek medical advice:

<https://www.blf.org.uk/support-for-you/signs-of-breathing-problems/how-to-spot-respiratory-tract-infections-in-children>.

Whilst Covid cases are not in peak season at the moment, cases may be on the rise again soon as we hit winter. Currently it is not advised

for children to be tested for Covid-19 unless directed to by a medical professional, however if they do provide a positive test please keep them at home (where possible) for at least 3 days, or until they are feeling better. Whilst there is not currently a legal requirement to isolate, we would advise this both to help your child recover and rest; and also to try and stop the spread amongst the other children and staff at nursery. If you have any questions please feel free to speak to Andrea.

When at nursery the children always wash their hands before and after meal and snack times and after using the bathroom to try and minimise the spread of any possible infections. We also try to encourage the older children to catch their germs with coughs and sneezes and then throw away the tissue and wash their hands after.

School admissions

If your child is in our sun room and will have their 4th birthday between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you will soon be able to apply for their reception primary school place for September 2023. Some local primary schools have sent flyers to share information about open days for you and your child to have a look around and view the school. If you are unsure on which school you will be applying for, we advise you to have a look at a few different schools' open events to give you an opportunity to get the feel of the school, teachers and their learning environments.



St Leonard's C E Primary School

Engage, Challenge, Inspire

"Life in all its fullness" - John 10:10

We are a nurturing school whose curriculum is planned to **Engage, Challenge and Inspire** young minds.

Our end of KS2 results were well above the national average in 2022.

Open Days

Thursday 22nd September - 2pm

Wednesday 5th October - 5.30pm

Thursday 3rd November - 9.15am

Tuesday 29th November - 2pm

Please call us to book your place.



"Parents feel included and pupils are thriving"

"Happy pupils feel safe and secure in this caring school"

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Visit our website by typing www.st-leonards.oxon.sch.uk into your internet browser.



Greatworth Primary School

You are warmly invited to our Open Day events on

Wednesday 28th September

and

Thursday 17th November

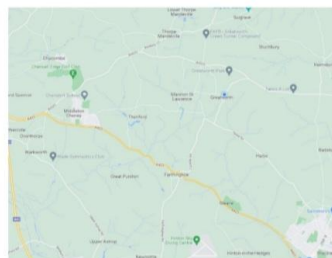
10 - 12pm

Our Open Day is the perfect way for you and your family to get a feel for the wonderful community we have here at Greatworth School. During your visit, you will have the opportunity to view our beautiful school site, including our new EYFS outside area and library, meet children as they share their learning and speak to our friendly staff. Our wonderful tour guides will also give you first-hand knowledge of life at Greatworth and share with you the opportunities available to all our pupils.

- ✓ We firmly believe that our school's small size is one of its greatest strengths.

We offer each child in our care the opportunity to develop as an individual, while feeling part of a nurturing community where everyone counts. 100% of children at the end of Y6 achieved the expected standards in Reading and Writing.

Where to find us: 12 minutes from Brackley and 10 minutes from Middleton Cheney Greatworth, OX17 2DF



If you have not already booked your place, please do so now by emailing office@greatworthschool.co.uk