

## Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### This week in Nursery

Happy May and happy short week! Even with just 4 days, the children have certainly made the most of it. Returning to nursery on Tuesday, the children discovered the froglets had turned into little frogs! We have all been very excited! However, it now means it is time for them to return to their pond, so sadly, we will be saying goodbye to them at the end of the week. It has been such a wonderful opportunity to learn about the lifecycle of a frog and to watch it unfold in real time.



The children have been avid watches, noticing even the slightest of changes, which has generated rich language and expression. They have also been making their own frog lifecycles and frog kites!

We have continued with our hygiene and healthy eating theme, making healthy wraps and sandwiches in cooking. The children also became scientists as we carried out a very exciting 'sandwich experiment' to deepen our learning about germs. We set up three slices of bread, each handled in a different way. One piece was touched only with clean, gloved hands, another was touched after carefully washing hands, and the third was handled with dirty hands—and even sneezed and coughed on! We talked together about what germs are and how they can spread, especially through touch and sneezes. The children were completely fascinated and loved taking on the role of scientists. They observed closely and shared their ideas confidently. We then made predictions, discussing which slice of bread might change the most over time. Now, we are waiting and watching in anticipation to see what happens next. Watch this space!



As well as reading 'Oi Frog' and singing '5 Little Speckled Frogs', the children have been enjoying rhyming games including 'Rhyming Robots'. The children have loved turning into robots and using their best robot voices to rhyme different words. Rhyming games are a wonderful way to support early language development. By listening carefully to the sounds in words, children begin to develop an awareness of how words are made up of different sounds. This is an important early skill for reading and writing, as it helps children recognise patterns in language and hear similarities and differences between words.

A firm favourite this week has also been the water play. The children have been transporting the water in different containers to the mud kitchen, 'pouring' coffee and making tea and mud pies. They have been working collaboratively and sharing the jugs and containers to move the water. They have also been making paths with the bricks and balancing along them. Whilst low to the ground, it has been more challenging due to the windy routes and narrow bricks.



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We hope you have a lovely weekend and get the chance to pop into the early years garden party. And a big thank you to everyone who has been able to donate to our Rainbow hamper. It is very much appreciated.

Katrina, Zindzi, Tracey Fiona and Amy

### Things to Note

#### Early Years Garden Party - Donations

It's here! The garden party is tomorrow **from 11.00 – 14.30** with a quiet opening for families of children with SEND running from 11.00-11.30am. Watch out for more information over the coming weeks.

#### Sun Cream and Sun Hats

As the weather starts to get warmer, please remember to pack a sun hat for your child and apply sun cream prior to drop off or provide a bottle they can keep in their bags which they can easily apply themselves.

#### Inset Day

Reminder to everybody that school and nursery will be closed for an Inset Day on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**.

#### Nursery graduation Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, we will be holding the Nursery graduation and end of year celebration event. It will be held in Mayow Park from 1.30 – 2.45pm. A separate letter with more details will be sent to parents before the end of this half term. Please note that nursery will be closed that day and children who attend the event, will need to be accompanied by their parent(s) or carer.

This is a lovely opportunity to celebrate the children and say goodbye to those who will be moving on to big school, so we hope you will all be able to attend on the day.