

## Weekly Learning Letter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### This week in Nursery



Despite the rather apocalyptic weather this week—the children have thoroughly enjoyed spending time outdoors. Role play remains a very popular part of the outdoor learning. The children are now confidently initiating their own ideas, often creating impromptu role play areas like an outdoor restaurant – with soup this week being top of the menu and a face painting pop up inside! It has been lovely to see the children working together, creating stories and using their creativity. When the sun has made an appearance, the children have been busy mark making with chalks, creating robots out of K-nex and making sunbeds and basking in the sunshine.



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A real highlight of the week has been our *sandwich experiment*. The children have been fascinated observing what has happened to the different pieces of bread. We have had some fantastic discussions about our findings—especially the mould! The bread touched with washed hands sparked some interesting conversations, as it still became mouldy. This led to lots of thoughtful questions about whether we had washed our hands properly, used soap, and spent enough time doing so. The piece of bread handled with gloves showed the least mould, which really captured the children's attention and supported our learning about hygiene.



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We have started to learn more about shapes this week and will continue to do so over the coming weeks including looking at shapes in the environment, drawing shapes, similarities and differences between shapes and learning to draw them. We will use a combination of games, songs and creative activities to embed this learning.

In cooking, we made feeling faces using crackers, cream cheese and other healthy ingredients. It was great to chat about feelings as we made them and we had a huge variety including a very special 'Uh oh!' face.



We would also just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Early Years Garden party on Saturday. It was a fantastic event and wonderful to see so many people there. We will let you know how much was raised as soon as we can.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

Zindzi, Tracey, Fiona, Amy and Katrina

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### Things to Note

#### **Sun Cream, Sun Hats, Raincoats, Wellies.....**

With the very changeable weather, please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for each day and also have spare clothes in their bags. Thank you!

#### **Inset Day**

Reminder to everybody that school and nursery will be closed for an Inset Day on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**. Nursery reopens on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June**.

#### **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 11.00am – 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.