



LITTLE STARS NEWSLETTER – no 109



Wednesday 3rd
September 2025

Through to Friday 24th
October 2025

Hopefully, we have an exciting year ahead and have a lot of fun events planned. More details to follow.

We very much look forward to and welcoming all new and old parents with their children to nursery and hope you will enjoy your time with us.

This term our art theme is “Healthy Living”

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Skills</u>
Free art	1	Colouring, sticking, painting
Health eating.	2	Fruit stamping
Christmas Cards for Printers	3	Sticking, painting etc
Dentist	4	Sticking
Water melon on a plate.	5	Painting.
Sewing a banana	6	Sewing.
Stamping a pea pod.	7	Stamping
Recycling - sorting materials.	8	Sticking

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Wednesday 3 rd September	Return to nursery.
Week commencing Monday 15 th September	Making Christmas cards for fundraising
Tuesday 23 rd September	Open house welcome day.
Wednesday 1 st October	Yom Kippur
Tuesday 7 th October	Little Urchins see below.
Monday 20 th October	Dashian (Hindu) and Divali
Friday 24 th October	Last day of term
Monday 3 rd November	Return to nursery.
Wednesday 5 th November	Birth of Guru Nanak (Sikhism)
Wednesday 5 th November	Fireworks
Friday 7 th November	Remembrance day.
Thursday 20 th and Friday 21 st November	Children in Need
Thursday 4 th December	Open day
Monday 15 th December	Hanukkah
Tuesday 16 th December	Xmas party
Tuesday 16 th December	Last day of term

Show and tell. *These days are for children to bring something in from home to show their friends and staff. For example, photos of days out, shells from the seaside, certificates, or even just their favourite toy.*

This has proven to be so popular and thanks to those parents who have participated with us.

We are no longer holding bike day events as we have so much more space to store equipment and we have a lot of bikes.

Show and tell days are: -

Monday – 15th September.

Wednesday – 21st September.

Tuesday – 30th September.

Thursday – 9th October.

Friday – 17th October

Website

A lot of our information sits on our website should you wish to take a look at it, and we have updated some policies, photos etc.

Due to the increase in - Policy & Procedures we can provide you with a hardcopy should you wish to review them. The core ones are available via PDF on our website.

Changes are always ongoing and in line with new practices and or legislation.

Pencil play activities

We are updating this area, we have balanced it to include numerous activities to make it more fun, this term it is all around healthy lifestyle (our theme this term). For example, colour printing using objects, threading pasta, flour with shapes using paint brushes. Older children will still do book work and tracing their names.

Due to a combination of increased numbers of younger children as well more children staying all day, we will be changing how we operate nursery to accommodate this. We will be starting school readiness earlier.

Book Bags / Books

Are available to buy for £10. This makes it easier for children to carry out their work. It also ensures that letters get to you.

If a child has a book bag, they can access our nursery library, by bringing a book home weekly to read with their parents.

This will be changed on a set day, which we will notify you of.

Fees / Government funding

The majority of children are entitled to some form of funding, please refer to me for guidance and help if required.

Can you all please renew your code from HMRC as these need to be refreshed every 3 months and confirms your free childcare entitlement.

Many of the current codes are due to expire in September / October so it is important you advise me asap.

Medical

Under new guidelines I must advise parents if their child has bumped their head. It is your decision if you want to collect or leave them from or with us.

Collecting

We would appreciate donations of any old toys or jigsaw. Also, any spare clothes would be very helpful.

Any garden equipment and or plants would be very much appreciated.

Should we receive duplicated items we will be passing these onto charity.

Toileting rucksacks

Please can your child only bring in a rucksack (MUST BE NAMED) if they need changing or are in nappies / pull-ups – please ensure you put spare ones in their bags. Please could your child come into nursery in a clean nappy as although we are more than happy to change them once they are settled.

If your child is currently out of nappies, to help them go more independently can you please put them in clothing that they can easily undo themselves. Please note we will always have spare clothes in the event of an accident.

Contact Numbers. / Email addresses

Please let us know if you change any of your contact numbers or email address. It is vital that these numbers are kept up to date in case we need to contact you while your child is in our care.

*Under the new EYFS guidelines we are now obliged to hold **Three** contact numbers for each child. Can I ask you to email me all three numbers (in order of contact) as this will meet that criteria and enable us to verify our existing numbers. If you prefer, please write them down and hand them into me in September.*

In the event that we have to close nursery, or you suspect we might be (normally due to adverse weather conditions or a lockdown scenario) please refer to my emails.

Welcome day Tuesday 23rd September from 9:00 -11:00 a.m & 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

This provides parents the opportunity to meet their child's key person and to see how they are progressing and settling in. This also gives you time to meet all the staff.

Refreshments and cakes will be available for a donation (all funds raised go towards Children In Need). If is not your child's session you are more than welcome to join us or if unavailable on this day contact us to arrange a different day.

GT Sports will also give a taster session so parents can see what they do.

Children in Need

Thursday 20th Friday 21st November

Each year we nominate a charity; this year it will be "Children in Need". Children are invited to dress up in clean pyjamas if they wish to.

A charge of £1.00 per entry will be applied; all monies raised will go to the charity.

They will also be making "Pudsey" biscuits and other related activities. More details to follow nearer the time.

GT Sport

GT Sport will come into nursery to provide fitness football fun sessions and initially they will be providing taster sessions commencing 2nd week back.

Further information on this will be given out in the new term. The cost for this will be £20 for a 5-week session.

Family tree

A form will be sent out in September for you to fill out and for us to put into your child's file.

Fundraising

Our fundraising for this year is “Design a Christmas Card project”. This will all be carried out in nursery week commencing Monday 15th September.

Last day to order is Wednesday 1st October.

Your child’s card will be available for you to see the week after and at the door or at our welcome day, an order form will be given out if you should wish to purchase any of these.



Sun Cream

Whilst we do provide sun cream, it would be very helpful if you could apply sun cream to your child beforehand and make sure that they have a hat with their name on it to wear for added protection.

If the children attend all day, we apply it again after their packed lunch.

September arrangements

Boxes will be outside for packed lunches, ruck sacks and book bags.

We will meet your child at the door, but please encourage your child to walk in, and we will help them hang up their coats. If needed your child’s key person will be there to take them in.

Any new children will be given a name badge in the foyer. Please make certain that initially the parent dropping off the child will be picking them up. This will change once we know your family going forwards. A password is given to you for someone else you have designated to collect your child.

Hopefully, your child will after having their transition session will be happy to leave you to meet their key person. If in extreme cases we can work with the parent(s) to settle in your child.

Book Club

The book club will be giving out leaflets, which will be given to every child, but you can still order online. The link is below.

<http://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/little-stars-da7>.

Any commission we receive helps us towards our library costs.

Lost property

We always display lost property items and any property that has not been claimed at the end of the term will either be given to charity or destroyed.

To reduce these please ensure that your children’s clothing have labels with their name on clearly displayed.

Little Urchins –Tuesday 7th October

Children will be photographed in their own clothes and their photo will subsequently be superimposed into a Christmas theme.

Children who attend on these days will be photographed within the session.

Any children who do not usually attend on this day are welcome to pop in to have their photos taken. Siblings and families are also welcome. There is no obligation to buy.

Lunchtimes

Attached to this email is our “Healthy eating & Snack policy”. Lunchtimes are from 11:30 to 12:15. Any drop off or collection of children must be at the beginning or end of these times as the children will be eating their lunches.

Please see attached policy.

Loose parts

This is a new area we are starting in nursery, if you have anything useful you can bring in to help with this would be much appreciated. This will also help enhance your child's natural play.

Some ideas are, shells, milk bottle tops, old keys, wine bottle corks and cotton reels etc.

If you were to google loose parts lots of good ideas are shown which will help you.

New EYFS

The government have introduced new guidelines for September which we will follow. For further information please refer to our policies on our website.

Health

Little stars Nursery operates a nut free environment.