

FEBRUARY Newsletter 2025



World Book Day

This year, World Book Day will be celebrated on **Thursday**, **6th March 2025**. World Book Day is a wonderful tradition that honors books and the joy of reading! We invite all children to dress up as their favorite characters for nursery on that day. Additionally, children are encouraged to bring their favorite books to share with their friends.

The staff will read these books throughout the day. We look forward to this fantastic event!

Upcoming festivals and celebrations

- 1st March St David's Day
- 6th March World Book Day
- 8th March International Women's Day
- 17th March St Patrick's Day
- 21st March World Poetry Day
- 30th March Mother's Day

Upcoming events

Easter holiday

- 7th 17th April 2025, the nursery will remain closed to children that attend term-time only.
- 18th and 21st April 2025, the nursery will remain closed to everyone.
- 22nd April 2025, the nursery will remain closed to everyone for staff training purposes.

February birthdays

A very happy birthday to:

- Alexandros
- Brodie
- Carter
- Dusty
- Kaváhni
- King
- Pedro
- William

The theme for the new term will be:

• Spring and Animals/Minibeasts

This month in the nursery

This month in the nursery, the children have been learning about the community heroes who help us. On February 13th, we had an exciting visit from **Leyton Fire Station** and their dedicated firefighters.

The big preschool children and the Butterfly room children explored the various compartments, tools, and water hoses inside the fire engine. Firefighters even demonstrated how to use the water tap, and the children enjoyed playing with the water hose.

A big thank you to Ally's dad for organising this wonderful visit for our nursery!













This month in the nursery, children learned about the Chinese New Year and the various ways it is celebrated. They explored traditions such as visiting temples, setting off firecrackers, and participating in the Lantern Festival. The children particularly enjoyed hearing about the Chinese New Year animals and their race across the river.

Additionally, the children were invited to learn about Valentine's Day, including:

- When Valentine's Day is celebrated
- Valentine's cards
- Valentine's gifts
- Symbols that represent love









Sickness and infection control

Children must be well enough to attend nursery and participate in all activities, including outdoor play. Parents should discuss with the nursery the procedures for dealing with ill or infectious children and keep the nursery informed about any illnesses or conditions affecting their child. This may result in the child being excluded from nursery, and parents should provide contact information for someone who can pick up their child if they become ill.

Exclusion and Notifications

Certain infections require children and staff to be excluded from the nursery to prevent the spread of infection, following guidance from the Health Protection Agency.

Some common diseases and symptoms, along with their exclusion periods, are:

- Chicken pox/shingles, seven days from onset of rash or until spots have dried.
- Diarrhoea and/or vomiting, must be symptom-free for 48 hours.
- Whooping cough, after at least 5 days of antibiotics.
- Scarlet Fever, 24 hours after starting antibiotics.



Fire drill

On Thursday, February 14th, 2025, we conducted our regular fire drill at the nursery. The drill was successful, with everyone evacuated in just 2 minutes. We gathered at the nursery's assembly point, which is located at Sainsbury's Click and Collect. The children enjoyed the experience, and the older children had the opportunity to discuss what a fire drill is and what steps we should take in the event of a fire.

Parents reminders €

Please remember the following guidelines for the nursery:

- No mobile phones or cameras are allowed in the nursery premises. Please store these away before entering.
- Kindly label your child's clothing.
- Inform the nursery office in case of any absences or late arrivals.
- If you need assistance with Parents Zone access, please contact the office at manager@brightstardaynursery.co.uk.
- Send any emails related to your child and the nursery only to manager@brightstardaynursery.co.uk.
- For invoicing matters, reply to the same email from which you received the invoice.

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