



## **October Newsletter 2025 Term 2 – Victoria Street**

Dear Parents/Carers

What a wonderful autumn it has been here at Summers Nursery, Victoria Street! The leaves are turning, the cosy jumpers are out, and our children have been embracing everything this beautiful time of year has to offer.

Our garden has continued to flourish, and we are delighted to share that the children have now grown, picked, and taste-tested their very own vegetables! From crunchy carrots to tasty peas and juicy radishes, the excitement on their faces as they harvested the results of their hard work was priceless. We are so proud of their care, patience, and curiosity as they explored where food comes from and how things grow.

We've also been making the most of the autumn sunshine by getting out and about to our local Wee Green Space. The children have loved discovering the seasonal changes — collecting colourful leaves, spotting conkers, and enjoying some active, fresh-air fun. These adventures have been fantastic for physical development, imagination, and fostering a love of nature.

During week beginning the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, we celebrated Halloween with costumes, autumn crafts, sensory play, and plenty of magical fun. We couldn't wait to see all the brilliant outfits and enjoy lots of giggles and ghostly games together!

A warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this term. We are delighted to have you as part of our nursery community. Thank you, as always, to all our wonderful families for your continued support. We are looking forwards to a fantastic end to the year with more adventures, learning, and happy memories ahead!

## **Pre-school Adventure to Wynford Farm – 30th October 2025**

Our Pre-school children had a fantastic autumn adventure at Wynford Farm! The day was filled with excitement, hands-on learning, and new experiences from start to finish. The children loved meeting and feeding the animals — goats, pigs, alpacas and more — learning about how they are cared for and the important jobs farms do.

There was plenty of exploring and physical fun, too! From climbing and sliding in the play barn, to enjoying the outdoor spaces, the children were bursting with confidence, curiosity and big smiles. We even spotted some brilliant signs of the season around us — fallen leaves, muddy puddles and busy farm life preparing for the colder months ahead!

After a busy day of farm fun, the children enjoyed a cosy snack together before heading home with lots of happy stories to share. We are so proud of how well they represented our nursery — what a wonderful day of autumn learning and laughter!



## **Sharing Our World – Family and Community Involvement**

We would love to invite our nursery families to come in and share with the children about your jobs, hobbies, cultures, religions, and festivals – or anything special that’s important to you and your family! Whether it’s talking about your work, celebrating festivals or traditions such as Diwali, Eid, Christmas, Hanukkah, Chinese New Year, or Burns Night, sharing your language, showing us traditional clothing, or even demonstrating a special skill or talent, we’d love to learn from you!

If you’d like to take part, please get in touch with myself – either pop into the office, give us a call, or email the nursery. The children would absolutely love to hear from you and learn more about the wonderful people and communities that make up our nursery family!

## **0 - 2 Room News**

As ever, the 0-2 room has been full of fun, excitement and learning this term. Planning in the 0-2 room is very much focused on the individual child by your child’s keyworker - you can see the long term and short-term planning in place for your child on the planning board in the room. In addition to this, we also do lots of spontaneous activities relating to our focus/topic. This term has been focused on transport, autumn and Halloween.

We have had a variety of vehicles out on offer for the children to explore, where they have enjoyed rolling them back and forth, down the slide and making them “zoom” across the table. We planned ways we could further the learning and experiences on offer, which included a variety of sensory trays using the vehicles. Diggers and trucks were added to trays of cereal and sand to create building sites, where the children scooped up and transported the materials around the tray. We also added flour and paint to trays to promote mark making using the wheels of the vehicles.

A vehicle hunt took place in the garden, with the children encouraged to find and identify the pictures hidden around the garden – children were able to identify a car, digger, plane and tractor. This was followed up with a walk around the local area to vehicle spot. The children had a great time pointing out all the buses they spotted.



Staff created a water play activity, making a 'car wash' for the children to clean all the well-used vehicles, and Margaret bought us lots of new books relating to transport, and we have spent much time looking through them and reading with the children to develop their knowledge.

Autumn and Halloween always present an opportunity to develop mark making and creative skills with art and craft activities. The children collected leaves from the garden to create their own wreaths, as well as making spooky bats and witches' hats.

Sensory exploration is always a big part of this topic and we created an activity which promoted sense of smell and touch as well as developing language and colour knowledge. We filled a large container with lime, strawberry and orange jelly along with some spiders and witches which the children were encouraged to scoop out. Together, we explored the smell, and the children were able to identify the colours red, green and orange, and were excited to see the spiders! There was much excitement as the children got stuck in with their hands!!

International Makaton day allowed the children to bring in their favourite soft toy from home as the sign for the day was 'friend.' We have loved introducing Makaton to the 0-2 room and many of you have commented that your child is signing please and thank you at home which is fantastic to hear!



Rachel spent time developing our role play area based on the continued interest the children have shown in caring for the dolls. She added in a highchair, as well as changing and feeding accessories for the children to play with. We also got lots of new dressing up clothes, which the children have loved wearing.



## 2-3 Room News

Last term, the Toddler Room focused on literacy and numeracy. Children had opportunities to trace letters and numbers, use alphabet mats to recognize letters, and explore sensory and messy play with letter and number cubes. We also introduced number matching and sorting activities, as well as adding new books related to numbers and letters to our bookshelf to further promote early learning.



We have been placing a strong emphasis on developing independence, particularly during snack and lunchtime. Children were encouraged to self-serve and practice putting on their indoor shoes, jackets, and outdoor shoes. Through role play, circle time discussions, and demonstrations, we focused on dressing up, table manners, and the correct use of cutlery to help children develop important life skills.



As always, our creative hands were busy! During the summer season, we encouraged children to explore and express themselves through colours and art. We also spent time talking about emotions, helping children understand that it is okay to feel different emotions and to react differently to various situations. Together, we made Colour Monster Jars and spoons to learn about each emotion in detail.



Children have been participating in lots of healthy baking, such as making fruit pastries, and we have been encouraging children to eat plenty of fruits and vegetables as part of a healthy diet. However, a little fruity treat makes it even more fun!

One of the highlights of the term was our Charity Sports event, which was a great success. Many children participated alongside their parents, developing their physical and gross motor skills whilst having lots of fun. The event included different age category races and exciting entertainment, such as face painting and a tattoo station.

Throughout the term, our room has been beautifully decorated with the children's crafts and activities, inspired by monthly themes.

- August: Volcanoes and Dinosaurs – With the help of the children, we built a volcano using brown paper and cardboard boxes. They learned about famous volcanoes and lava, while dinosaur themed puzzles and activities helped develop picture matching, visual recognition, and shape recognition skills.
- September: Parts of the Body – Children learned the names of body parts, the importance of keeping clean, and how we protect and look after our body parts.
- October: This month, the theme was autumn and Halloween. We transformed our room to reflect the beautiful colours of the season, using natural resources to inspire a variety of creative craft activities. The children loved exploring different textures and colours to create their autumn themed creations. To finish off the month, we celebrated with a fun filled Halloween party. The children enjoyed dressing up, dancing and taking part in lots of exciting games and activities. It was a fantastic way to end a busy and creative month together!



We have also enjoyed walks and library visits throughout the term. The children specially loved spending time at the Wee Green Space, where they could run, climb, balance, and jump, which helped improve their gross motor skills and muscle development.



## 3-5 Room News

As always, the Pre-school room has been full of fun and exciting learning experiences.



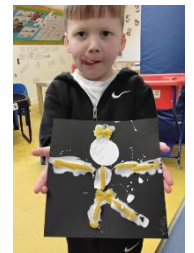
The children celebrated World Makaton day, learning about friendship. Most children took in a special teddy from home to show their friends, telling them all about him/her, and we spoke about what the word 'friend' meant.



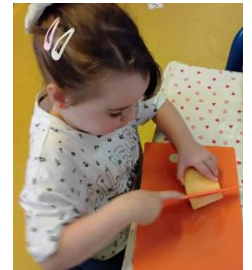
We then moved on to looking at autumn. The children enjoyed playing an autumn matching game, counting out each dot and matching it with the correct number. We learnt a lot about autumn through exploring our nursery surroundings, with various nature walks at Wee Green Space.



The children showed an interest in learning about their bodies, and were keen to draw them, with some of the children able to draw their whole families and give details about them as well. The children have also been learning about body hygiene, including hand washing, showering and toothbrushing.



We moved on to our Halloween topic recently. We made a mind map about what we know about Halloween and what we would like to know. The children had some very good ideas and information to tell us. They told us that they enjoyed celebrating Halloween with a spooky movie and that they enjoyed dressing up in costumes, being ghosts, witches and skeletons, and that we can make soup from pumpkins.

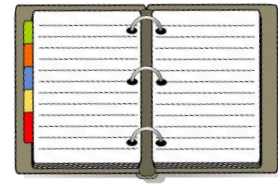


Many of the children have really been focusing on learning how to write their names independently. They have been keen to copy letters and have been able to use matching cards to help them figure out which letters come next. They also enjoy using the whiteboards to practice and develop their writing skills as well.



Finally, we are thrilled to announce that we now have a dance teacher from Flashdance coming to the 3-5 room next Thursday afternoon. Classes will be happening during term time.

## Dates for your Diary



- ✚ **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** - Guy Fawkes - Children win a prize for Best Firework Picture made at home. (Each room will hold 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes).
- ✚ **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November** - Children in Need Day – Wear Your Spots... Let's Raise Lots! Bake Sale, Crafts, Bring a bear for our Teddy Bear Picnic.
- ✚ **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents Stay & Play from 3pm – 5pm.
- ✚ **Week commencing 24/11/2025** - St Andrews Week. We will be sharing songs, making tartan patterns/crafts, and listening to stories.
- ✚ **Week commencing 08/12/2025** - Christmas Jumper Week
- ✚ **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Party Day from 3pm to 5pm (All Children are Invited)
- ✚ **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Pre-school Christmas Show - from 3pm to 5pm
- ✚ Parents will be informed in writing with dates and details regarding any trips taking place this term

**Christmas Holiday Closure – The nursery will close at 6pm on Friday the 19th of December and re-open on Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of January at 7.30pm**

As always, we thank all our families for their continued support.

Warmest regards

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