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June 2025

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Thank you for all your support before half term with our Over 3's Ofsted Inspection. We are waiting for the report to come through and will share it with you once it is finalised. It was a very positive day for us and your children made us very proud!

Play Park

We are very grateful to all the parents who came along to help clear up our play park and for donations made to help us restore some of the equipment. It is well used by lots of families, so please enjoy it now and keep it tidy and safe for everyone to use.

Family Open Day: Saturday 21st June-if you haven't already, save the date!

We would like to welcome you to our Family Open Day on **Saturday 21st June from 10.30am-12.00pm.** Staff will be available to talk to you about our bespoke offer here at Horsham Nursery and answer any other questions you may have. There will be an opportunity to see your child's room and to chat to staff. Forest School will be running and we hope to run some fundraising activities to support our extra-curricular activities and summer parties. Bring along some silver coins to play the games.
We would love any donations of cakes for our café on the day, items for a tombola and clean teddies, please send them in on Friday 20th June to the office. We look forward to seeing you and your families all there!

Working Families Funded Entitlement for 9 months upwards

The expansion of childcare funding starts for children aged 9 months upwards from September 2025 and Horsham Nursery will be accepting this for the Explorers and Discoverers age groups. This will be offered all year round, stretching the funding to 22 hours per week. Please apply for your code using the link on the website: https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/ and send in the code by 25th July 2025 to our office via Under3sadmin@horshamnursery.co.uk for the funding to be reflected on your September invoice. Codes received after this date might not be eligible for funding for the Autumn term.

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Staff News

We are sad to say goodbye to Kim Harris as Key Carer for Green Group in Over 3's. We wish her good health going forwards.

Collection from the Over 3's in the afternoon

This is a gentle reminder that pick up time for your funded afternoon sessions is 4.00pm. The staff are unable to leave the room for numerous handovers as they are working with the children. If you are paying for a session, please stick to the **3.25pm** pick up so that staff can focus on teaching the children in the session.

Transition

The next few weeks at Nursery are going to be busy as lots of children start to transition. There are 24 children in the Unders who are moving to the Overs and their Key Carers will be busy bringing them across for visits to help them settle. We have 85 children moving onto 19 different primary schools, so there are lots of teachers visiting to meet them in Nursery before they move onto school. We are working hard to keep all the children settled through this transition and enjoy their last months with their current Key Carers.

Over 3's Reports

If your child is leaving us at the end of the academic year due to starting Reception in September, you will receive an end of year report from their Key Carer in July. This will also be shared with their school teacher.

Parent Consultations

If your child is staying on with us in September, these meetings will be available for you to book through invitations coming out soon to sign up using our MCAS app. For the Explorers and Discoverers we will be making appointments with you during July and August.

What to bring to Nursery to dress for the weather!

Please send your child to nursery in closed toe shoes for safety reasons. We do not recommend open toe shoes or Crocs due to limited foot support.

With the many changes in weather, please continue to ensure your child also has a pair of wellingtons (still great for Forest School and water play!), a light raincoat and a sun hat. Whilst we have spares in Nursery, it makes it much easier if your child has these named items ready on their peg throughout the day.

Thank you to all parents who have sent in £5 towards the cost of suncream. Staff take great care to ensure the children are well protected from the sun throughout the day and as a result we use a lot of cream! If you haven't donated to the sun cream fund yet, please do so by sending in money in a named envelope to the office or adding it to your next invoice.

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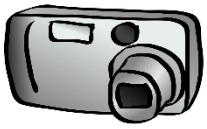
Holiday Club for the Overs

We ran another successful Holiday Club for a small group of children over half term. Don't forget to book your spaces for the Summer Club by the deadline so that we can ensure all working parents have a planned space in the club.

Photograph Day



On Wednesday 18th June, Danny from Smiles Photography will be taking individual and sibling photographs. If your child does not usually attend on Wednesdays please pop in to the Reception between 1.30 and 2.30pm if you would like your child to have a photograph taken.

Forest School Sessions

This is the new timetable for Forest School until July.

	Tuesday	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**	**Friday**	
AM	Angie - Orange group (SSC) Bronwen - Pink group	Discoverers Becca T - Blue Group	Katie - Purple group Ceri - Red group	Discoverers Jo - Yellow Group	
PM	Ami/Emma B - Green group				

We look forward to seeing you at all our events in the next few weeks. The next few weeks are busy ones at Nursery so please do check diary dates at the end of this Newsletter!

Warm wishes,

Liz Mellor

Headteacher

PLEASE CHECK OUT DIARY DATES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE….

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DIARY DATES FOR THIS TERM:

Dates		Overs	Explorers and Discoverers
Wednesday 18th	Photograph day	✓	✓
Monday 16th June	Bookings open for Summer Holiday club	✓	
Friday 13th June	Booking open for Over 3's parent consultations	✓	
Tuesday 24th and Thursday 26th June	Over 3's parent consultations These will be for children staying on at nursery next year. For children starting school in September 2024, written reports will be given out from 8th July.	✓	
Saturday 21st June 10.30am-12.00pm	Horsham Nursery School Family Open Morning	✓	✓
Monday 23rd June – Friday 27th June	Music Week. If you play an instrument, we would love you to pop in and play us some music!	✓	✓
Friday 27th June	Deadline for bookings for Summer Holiday club	✓	
WC 30th June	Stay and Play sessions- come along to play for the first half hour of the day.	✓	✓
WC 14th July	Summer Parties for children	✓	✓
Tuesday 22nd July	Last day of term for Overs	✓	
July/ August by arrangement	Under 3's Parent Consultations		✓
INSET DAYS for 2025-2026: Whole Nursery closed for staff training	Wednesday 3rd September 2025 Thursday 4th September 2025 Monday 3rd November 2025 Friday 13th February 2026 Tuesday 5th May 2026	✓	✓