

Convent of Mercy Nursery School's Newsletter



February 2026

February Topics

The theme for the month of February is ANIMALS. We will be learning about the different types of animals from around the world - animals that live on a farm, in the jungle and in the seas. We will develop awareness of how we care for them and would ask you to send in a photograph of your family pets to encourage discussion.

Mid -Term Break

The Nursery will be closed on Friday 6th February for staff to attend an Early Years Conference and then for half term from Monday 9th - Friday 13th February.
School will reopen on Monday 16th February.

St. Patrick's Day

We will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a green party on Friday 13th March. The Nursery will be closed on Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March.

Easter

We will close at 11am on Holy Thursday (2nd April)
Easter Holidays: Friday 3rd April - Friday 10th April
Reopening Monday 13th April

School Photographs

Fran Duff will be visiting the school on Wednesday 25th February to take individual photographs.

Mr Hullabaloo

Mr Hullabaloo is returning to the Nursery on Friday 23rd January for their Winter Show.

Getting Ready to Learn

We continue to rollout the Getting Ready to Learn Programme. To date this has included the Health Visitor meetings in January, the Lending Library books each Tuesday & Parent Pages to extend learning ideas at home or when out & about.

Don't forget to check out the Parents Zone on the Getting Ready to Learn Website.

www.gettingreadytolearn.co.uk/parents/

PANTS Rule

In February we aim to teach the children the following safety skills without giving explicit information. Teaching them how to stay safe by learning the PANTS rules, which the NSPCC have developed to be like the Green Cross Code for staying safe.

P: Privates are private

A: Always remember your body belongs to you

N: No means no

T: Talks about secrets that upset you

S: Speak up, someone can help

We have links to the NSPCC website and the PANTS song on the school website.

Discussions will be age-appropriate. Check out

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Vodafone

Vodafone provides guidance on staying safe online. This is a link to the Digital Parenting Guidance.

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/>

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March the children will receive a Book Token - **please note we do not ask the children to dress up** yet invite you to email us a photo of them reading their favorite book or reading in an unusual place in March.

People Who Help Us

In preparation for the March topic of People Who Help Us - we are asking for parent volunteers to come and speak to the children about their jobs - so if you are a builder, nurse, doctor, farmer, mummy caring for a baby, dentist, postman or fire person to name but a few please let your child's teacher know and we can arrange a date.