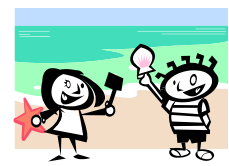




May/June Newsletter

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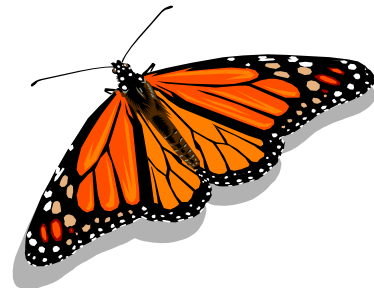
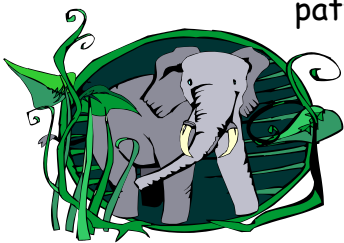
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| <p>Healthy Eating Underwater Creatures Summer/Seaside Holidays Zoo/Jungle Woodland Garden - mini beast hotel Woodland Garden - Eco, Poly tunnel, mini beast hotel</p> <p><u>Rights Respecting Schools</u> Water - progressive play, blowing bubbles, washing clothes/equip, safety... Food - picnic, seasonal food, different cultures, washing veg... Family - safety, school trips, family holidays...</p> | <p>Rainbow Recalling and finding colours indoors and outdoors.</p> | <p>Revise all shapes Food shapes Weights Butterflies Mini Beasts Travel Teds Height Chart Polytunnel and outdoors: •Caring for plants •Parent/child gardening course</p> | <p>Indoor/ outdoor café House - suitcases/ summer clothes. Seaside shop Travel Agents Tunnels, dens...</p> | <p><u>Greystone Library:</u> Wed 1st May & Wed 19th June <u>Playsport:</u> Thurs 2nd, 16th May; Thurs 6th & Tues 11th June <u>Jump, Jiggle & Jive:</u> Fri 3rd, 10th; 17th, 24th May; Mon 10th; Fri 21st & Tues 25th June <u>Bank Holiday:</u> Mon 6st - Wed 8th May <u>Jo Jingles:</u> Thurs 9th May & Fri 14th June <u>Cook with Fiona:</u> Mon 13th May; & Fri 7th June <u>Portrait Evening:</u> Tuesday 14th May <u>Induction Meeting for new parents (Sept 24/25):</u> Tues 14th May @ 12noon. (No afternoon session) <u>Coffee Time:</u> Fri 17th May & Fri 21st June <u>High 5 Mondays:</u> Mon 20th May; 17th June <u>Big Spring Clean:</u> Mon 20th May <u>Parent/Child Gardening Course with Fiona:</u> Wed 22nd May; Wed 5th June <u>Induction visit for new children (Sept 24/25):</u> Tues 21st (F.T); Wed 22nd (Aft) and Thurs 23rd May (Morn) <u>Summer Mid-Term:</u> Mon 27th May - Mon 3rd June (Staff Dev Day: Mon 3rd June) <u>Nursery Memorabilia:</u> Personalised Tea Towels - £5.00</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><i>Fun Week: Mon 10th - 14 June</i> <u>Jump, Jiggle & Jive:</u> Mon 10th June <u>Toddle Waddle Fundraiser Sports Day - Playsport with James:</u> Tues 11th June <u>Wee Critters:</u> Wed 12th June <u>Aldo the Magician:</u> Thurs 13th June <u>Happy, healthy snack faces & Jo Jingles:</u> Fri 14th June</p> </div> <p><u>Transition Reports:</u> Mon 17th/Tues 18th June <u>Streamvale Farm Shared Education Trip:</u> <u>Full Time:</u> Tues 18th June <u>Afternoon:</u> Wed 19th June <u>Morning:</u> Thurs 20th June <u>Messy Play Day:</u> Mon 17th June <u>Graduation:</u> Monday 24th June <u>Teddy Bears Picnic Party:</u> Wed 26th June <u>P.S visits - Meeting new teachers, visiting new schs:</u> May & June - to be confirmed</p> |

During the months of May and June children will talk about and explore a whole variety of themes ranging from **healthy eating, minibeasts, living in the jungle/zoo and underwater creatures to summer, life on the farm and seaside and holidays.**

Children will be encouraged to think about the changing weather - summer time, going on holidays, a day at the beach - looking for seaweed, fish, shells, crabs, boats, under water creatures and even buried treasure etc... Children will talk about keeping safe - using floats, sun cream and safe clothing for the hot summer sun!

As part of our **Healthy Eating** theme children will talk about healthy foods. They can sort foods, fruit, vegetables, dairy, meat and other products. Children will also have the opportunity to create healthy happy faces for their snack using apple, grated cheese, crisps, grapes and other healthy foods. They can play with summer foods in the house corner/seaside shop, creating salads and fresh fruit dishes. Children will also enjoy working with Fiona outdoors and in the polytunnel. Children will help to create wild flower gardens to attract butterflies and bees. We hope to get good weather as we plan for a Teddy Bear's Picnic in June - all the food of course will be healthy!! Don't forget to send in children's sun hats (please label) for those sunny days and remember to apply sunscreen before coming to school.

Children will learn about animals found in the zoo/jungle. Children will observe the animals through books, posters and equipment - they will discover some animals have patterned fur, others have stripes; some animals are big/small... Children can experiment with their voices and instruments when making animal sounds and can consider where each of the animals live and what they eat. Children will also talk about the different animals that live on the farm.



Children will talk about biodiversity - explore the outdoors and woodland areas observing plants, animals (mini beasts) and the places they live (ecosystems). Children will help to refurbish our mini beast hotels. A butterfly and mini beast area will also be set up in school for the children to explore, investigate and observe. They can observe/recall the growth of the caterpillar into a butterfly and can use magnifying glasses to examine mini beasts in our logs piles and under stones, always remembering to replace them when they are finished. Children will continue using our ECO code, recycling and saving energy projects and care for our growing fruits and vegetables. Hopefully they will get to taste the fruits of their labour! They are really enjoying eating the wide variety of salad leaves for snack which they helped to grow in the Polytunnel. As you are aware, we have had solar panels installed in recent years and have made excellent savings on our electricity bills and have generated a sufficient amount to sell back to the grid. This has resulted in additional funding for the nursery. A visual record of electricity saved can be seen on the

electronic screen in the foyer area. Ultimately, we hope to reduce the nursery's carbon footprint! Children have planted their sunflower seeds and will continue to observe them as they start to grow - observations recorded through paintings and drawings. Magnifying glasses helped children to examine leaves, veins, petals and mini beasts..... The children are looking forward to taking their sunflowers home.

As part of our Rights Respecting Schools Programme children will talk about Water, Family and Food. Children will continue to appreciate healthy eating and the importance and uses of water. Our rights respecting school program will continue to be developed through small group and story time with a focus and revision of our topics - how we are different and special, home, family, food, water and play.

Our special colours are the 'rainbow colours'. Children will enjoy looking for and creating rainbow colours. They are also invited to bring in some rainbow colours for our colour table. These will be labelled and returned.



A Special thanks:

A huge big thanks to Mrs Fiona Campbell for helping the children to understand and learn all about growing vegetables and how best to use our Polytunnel throughout the school year. Children really enjoyed using seeds and soil recently when planting their sunflower seeds - they are looking forward to experiencing lots more planting in May and June!

A special thank you to all our **Parents/Carers** for your support throughout the year.

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Happy Birthday



| May | | June | July | | August |
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| Oakley 2 nd | Gary 20 th | Falak 12 th | Darragh 6 th | Serah Ann | Robbie 2 nd |
| Brodie 5 th | Noah 28 th | Hallie 20 th | Alfie 10 th | 30 th | Eugene 14 th |
| Layla 7 th | Mia 29 th | Sophie 16 th | Skyla 10 th | | |
| Jaxon 8 th | Everett 31 st | Ezra 29 th | Eric 15 th | | |
| Lily 10 th | Reagan 31 st | | Lucy 23 rd | | |
| Louise 13 th | | | Ólafur 27 th | | |

Forthcoming Events:

A Trip to Greystone Library:

Vivienne will share more fun and exciting stories with the children in Greystone Library on **Wed 1st May & Wed 19th June**.

Full Time Session: 10.30 - 11.00 Morning Session: 11.00 - 11.30**

Afternoon Session: 12.30 - 1.00

****Morning children should be picked up from the library****



Play Sport - Thursday 2nd, 16th May; 6th, 11th June

We are looking forward to working with James in Play Sport again in May and June. The children will enjoy keeping fit and building skills using a range of equipment in a fun and stimulating way.



Jump, jiggle and jive:

Children will enjoy lots more interactive dance and music sessions with **Jump, Jiggle and Jive** outdoors:

10.15 - 11.15 and 1pm.

Fri 3rd, 10th (aft only); 17th, 24th May; Mon 10th; Fri 21st

& Tues 25th June (morn & FT only)



Bank Holiday Break:

The children will be off school from **Mon 6th - Wed 8th May** for the bank holiday break. (Wednesday 8th May is a Staff Development Day).

School opens as normal on **Thursday 9th May**.



Jo Jingles

Jo Jingles will be returning to the nursery for lots more music, movement and fun on:
Thursday 9th May & Friday 14th June

Cooking with Fiona!

Lots more fun cookery sessions with Fiona!

The children will enjoy making a cool summer fruit salad on **Monday 13th May** and ice cream Sundaes on **Friday 7th June**. **Yummy!!**



Family Portrait Evening



We are planning to have a family portrait evening on **Tuesday 14th May** if there is enough interest from parents to run it. Parents have already received a flyer with some sample photographs via SEESAW.

Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested in making an appointment with the photographer. If interested there is a £5 charge to secure your booking.

Induction visits for new children starting nursery in Sept '24:

The induction meeting for our new Parents (September '24) will take place in the nursery on **Tuesday 14th May @ 12noon**.

The morning and full time children will finish school at 11 o'clock on **Tuesday 14th May** to accommodate this meeting. There will be no afternoon session on this occasion. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.



Coffee, Cake and a Chat!

Why not come to our next coffee morning. It is an opportunity to relax and have a chat with other parents.

Friday 17th May and Friday 21st June

Morn / Full Time: 9.00 Afternoon: 12.15





🌟 High Five Mondays... 🌟

Time to celebrate! - Monday 20th May & 17th June.

Parents & Child/ren Big Spring Clean:

We are planning to do a big spring clean on Monday 20th May. Parents are invited to help the children and staff to do a spring clean around the nursery and woodland grounds. If you are able to help please let your child's teacher know. All equipment will be provided.



Parent and Child Gardening Programme:



Some parents and children have already signed up to our Parent and Child Gardening Program which will be held on **Wednesday 22nd May** and **Wednesday 5th June**. If you are interested in taking part please let your child's teacher know or send a message on seesaw stating which session you want to attend.

Session One: - *Make a potted herb garden - Wed 22nd May 10.30 - 11.15 OR 12.30 - 1.15*

Session Two: - *Make a summer window box or hanging basket - Wed 5th June 10.30 - 11.15 OR 12.30 - 1.15*

Induction Visits for new children starting September '24



Full Time: Tues 21st May @ 2pm **Aft Class:** Wed 22nd May @ 3.15pm

Morn Class: Thurs 23rd May @ 3.15pm

Mid-term Holidays

The school will be closed for the summer midterm break from **Mon 27th May - Mon 3rd June**. (Monday 3rd June is a Staff Development Day)

School re-opens on Tuesday 4th June.

Memorabilia Tea towels:

Special 'teatowels' with your child's personalised drawings and school logo will soon be on sale and will also be available during the fun week - each tea towel costs **£5.00**.

Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to order/purchase a 'tea towel'. **All teatowel order need to made and paid for in advance.** Thank you.



Fun days in Nursery

Our Toddle Waddle and Playsport fundraiser will take place outdoors on **Tuesday 13th June**. All funds raised will help to purchase new resources for our outdoor areas.

This is a fun day for parents and children. Parents and children are invited to complete our 'Toddle Waddle Adventure walk' around the nursery and primary school grounds and then return to the nursery playground for Playsport activities and some refreshments. Mum's and dads might even be asked to take part in our activities! - so don't forget your trainers - Prizes to be won!!! (If you are unable to stay please let your child's teacher know.)

To accommodate all classes each class will set off and complete their toddle waddle and playsport activities at different times.

Morning 9.10 - 10.40 **Full Time session: 10.40 - 12.10;** **Afternoon: 12.15 - 1.45**

The children will go home after their activities. All children should be collected at the above finishing times. Thank you for your support with this.

**All sponsor money should be returned to school on or before
Wednesday 19th June. Many thanks.**

Aldo the magician will be in on **Thursday 13th June**. Parents are also invited to join us.

****The afternoon children are asked to join the morning sessions on this occasion (9.00 - 11.00). All children will finish school at 11 o'clock. ****

"Fun Week"

Our 'fun week' will run from **Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June**. It is a fun filled action packed few days with lots and lots of things to enjoy!!



Fun Week

[Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June]



Monday 10th June - Jump Jiggle and Jive

The children will enjoy another fun filled Jump, Jiggle and Jive Session.

Tuesday 11th June - Toddle Waddle Adventure Walk and Playsport with James

This is a fun day for parents and children to enjoy!!

Wednesday 12th June - Wee Critters

Wee critters promise to show our children a range of creepy, crawly and curiously cute animals.



Thursday 13th June - ALDO the magician

All the children are looking forward to a special visit from 'Aldo the magician' outdoors. Parents are welcome to join us. Aldo will start round 10am.

Friday 14th June - Happy, healthy snack faces & Jo Jingles

Children will have the opportunity to create healthy happy faces for their snack using apple, grated cheese, crisps, grapes and other healthy foods. The children will also enjoy another great visit from Jo Jingles - Jo and Gillian.



Memorabilia Tea towels:

Special 'teatowels' with your child's personalised drawings and school logo will soon be on sale and will also be available during the fun week - each tea towel costs **£5.00**.

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Many thanks!!



Transition Reports

Parents will receive their child's end of year transition report on **Monday 17th June (Full Time) & Tuesday 18th June (Morning and Afternoon)**. A copy of each child's report will be forwarded to their chosen primary school with their parent's permission.



Shared Education trip to Streamvale Farm

Children and staff are looking forward to visiting to Streamvale Farm in May. During our trip children can see and handle some new baby animals on the farm - chicks, guinea pigs, rabbits, piglets, calves.... Children can also enjoy the sights and smells of the flowers, plants and surrounding area while on the woodland walk. They may even see some deer and ducks and have the opportunity to feed them. To help fund this trip we are asking for a contribution of **£7.00**. This will go towards transport and entrance fees.

Children should wear a coat/raincoat and bring a packed lunch in a backpack. Adult volunteers should also bring a lunch. The bus will leave school around 9.20 and will return to school around 1.30pm. Children should be collected from school at this time.

Full Time Session: Tues 18th June; **Afternoon Session:** Wed 19th June



Morn Session: Thurs 20th June

****If you would like to help us on this occasion, please let your child's teacher know****

Messy Play Day

The children will enjoy a messy play day - lots of really messy, sticky activities to get involved in - clay, printing with our hands/feet, playing with cornflour and water, squirting bottle paint on pictures/murals... as well as face painting and much more. Old clothes/uniform essential!!!



Monday 17th June

Graduation from Nursery School:

It's hard to believe our children's nursery school year is almost over! Doesn't time fly. To mark this special occasion and to acknowledge just how much our children have grown and developed we will be hosting a special graduation event in the nursery. Parents are invited to attend on **Monday 24th June**.



Morning Session: 10.45 oclock; **Full Time Session:** 12.45

Afternoon Session: 2.15



Teddy Bears Picnic - End of year party

The children will enjoy a 'Teddy bear's picnic' in the outdoors/woodland garden with their favourite teddy bear, cuddly toy or doll.

Wednesday 26th June

Other Notices:

Inner Car Park:

Parents are reminded that the inner car park is only for staff use and for authorised drivers. Parents/Childminders/Daycare are not permitted to use the car park for dropping children off. In the interests of your child's safety we would encourage Parents/Childminders/Daycare to continue using the outer carpark. You are also reminded to drive extremely carefully and slowly in and out of the car park. Please keep the pedestrian crossing free of vehicles. Thank you.

Nursery Grounds/Environment:

Thank you for taking care of our nursery grounds by putting all litter, drinking cups... into the bin. The nursery and all of the school grounds are a non-smoking area. (Our 'Smoke Free Policy' is available on request.)



Primary School visits - Meeting new teachers, visiting new schs

Parent are asked to confirm which primary school their child is starting in Sept '25 via SEESAW as staff will be arranging new teacher visits to the nursery during May & June - dates to be confirmed

School Holidays:

Mid-term Holidays

The school will be closed for the summer midterm break from **Mon 27th May - Mon 3rd June**. (Mon 3rd June is a Staff development Day)



School re-opens on Tuesday 4th June.

Finishing for the Summer Holidays

The children will finish for the summer holidays on **Thursday 27th June at 11.00**. The afternoon session will join the morning classes so the children do not miss their very last session in nursery school.

The staff of Saint Joseph's Nursery would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and family members who have supported the school in lots of ways throughout the year. We have really enjoyed working with you and would like to wish you and your child/ren every good wish for the future. We also hope you have a wonderful and safe summer holiday. We will miss you, so don't forget to visit!!



Summer Rhymes/Songs



Wiggle My Toes

Wiggle my toes in water
Wiggle my toes in sand
I'm going off to wiggle
my toes
In Wigglematozy Land

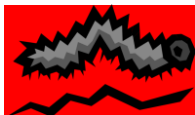


I went to visit a zoo one day

I went to visit a zoo one day
I saw a lion across the way
And what do you think I heard it say..
Roar roar roar!!

There's a very furry caterpillar

There's a very furry caterpillar
Crawling up that tree
I hope that furry caterpillar
Doesn't crawl on me!!



If you should meet a crocodile

If you should meet a crocodile
Don't take a stick and poke him.
Beware the welcome in his smile
Be careful not to stroke him.
For as he sleeps upon the Nile
He gets thinner and thinner.
If ever you meet a crocodile
He's ready for his DINNER!!!



Oh I do like to be beside the seaside

Oh I do like to be beside the seaside
Oh I do like to be beside the sea
Oh I do like to stroll along the prom, prom prom
Where the brass band plays tiddly-om-pom-pom
Oh I do like to be beside the seaside
Oh I do like to be beside the sea
Oh there's lots of folks besides
that would like to be beside
beside the seaside beside the sea.



Beehive

Here is the beehive
Where are the bees
Hiding inside where
nobody sees
Watch out!
They will come out of their hive.
1, 2, 3, 4, 5,
Bzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz



Little Caterpillar

Little Caterpillar crawling on a leaf
Crawling on the top and crawling underneath
Inside his cocoon, Caterpillar hides. Then
one fine day it opens and there's a butterfly.

Crab

I found a little rock pool
I took a little dip
A naughty crab came scuttling up
And gave me such a nip!
I popped him in my pocket
Then threw him in the sea
And all the fishes told him off
For being so mean to me.