



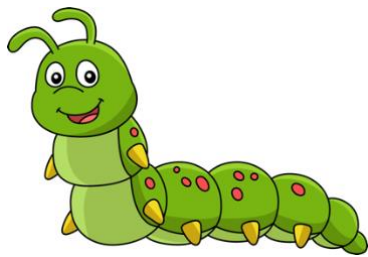
Castlereagh Nursery School

'Hand in Hand We Learn Together'



April and May 2026 Newsletter

We can't believe we are about to move into our 3rd and final term in nursery. This year has passed by so quickly. We have combined the April and May Newsletter as we were off for 2 weeks in April.



What are we learning in April and May?

The children will be learning all about the life cycles of many animals, including observing first hand that of a frog and butterfly. We have some tadpoles in the tank outside and the children have been very interested in watching them change from frogspawn to tiny tadpoles. The children have already shown a keen interest in this topic. Our caterpillars should be arriving in the next few weeks. The children will observe these arriving as eggs, hatching to caterpillars, growing and forming their chrysalis and eventually changing into beautiful butterflies.

We will be planting out our raised bed allotment in the garden with peas, carrots, beetroot and potatoes. The children will be encouraged to look after this area themselves. We might even get to taste the peas before we end in June. We will be planting individual sunflowers and peas in school for your child to care of at home. Please help your child to re-pot these and they can look after them independently.



This is such an exciting topic for all the children and staff.

Fundamental Movement

For those parents who have signed up and paid for the after schools Fundamental Gymnastics class this will begin next Monday (Mrs Morrow's class) pick up at 2.05pm and Tuesday (Mrs Jones' class) pick up at 2.15pm.

Parents who can help us

To support our area of learning next month 'People in our Community'. If any of our parents have a job that our children would be interested in, eg. Doctor, nurse, vet, dance/yoga teacher etc or can play an instrument and would like to come in and talk to the children about it, we would love to have you. Please don't be shy.... We would love to have you!!

Please speak to Mrs Morrow if you are able to help.

Stay and Plant



We are holding our last stay and play session for children and parents on Wednesday 6th May 1.10pm - 1.30pm
(Mrs Morrow's Class)

Thursday 7th May 1.20pm - 1.40pm (Mrs Jones' Class).

Please bring an old pair of child's welly boots with you, we will provide the plants to plant them and we will display them on the fence on the entrance walkway to nursery. One boot can be taken home and the other boot will be placed on our fence.

Farm Visit

We will be visiting Streamvale Farm on Friday 12th June. We are so happy that the cost of this trip will be covered by the Aspire Peace Plus Funding. We will leave school at 9.30am and return for pick up at school at normal time. We will have a picnic lunch at the farm.

We are looking forward to this as our final shared education trip with Holy Rosary Nursery School.

End of Term

Just to give you notice of the end of year celebration. We are having this on the last day Tuesday 30th June at 11am. All parents are welcome and weather permitting we have this outside in the nursery garden. If it rains we will hold it in the community centre.

For the celebration we decorate a white t-shirt with the children.

Please send a white t-shirt into school in May for your child to decorate.

All the staff thank you for your continued support

Diary Dates for April - June

April	
Monday 13 th	Children return to nursery for Summer Term Parent/teacher consultation time sheets placed outside rooms.
Monday 20 th	Mrs Jones - Parent teacher interviews
Monday 20 th	Fundamental Movement Week 1 Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 21 st	Mrs Morrow Parent teacher interviews
Tuesday 21 st	Fundamental Movement Week 1 Mrs Jones' Class
Friday 24 th	Sonal Sports - Physical skills
Monday 27 th	Make-A-Sound Music and movement session
Monday 27 th	Fundamental Movement Week 2 Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 28 th	Fundamental Movement Week 2 Mrs Jones' Class
May	
Monday 4 th	May Day Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 5 th	Transform ED addition school Development day - School closed to children
Wednesday 6 th	School Re-opens
Wednesday 6 th	Stay and Plant - Bring an old pair of wellies (Mrs Morrow's Class)
Thursday 7 th	Stay and Plant - Bring an old pair of wellies - (Mrs Jones' Class)
Monday 11 th	3 rd Shared Education Visit Room 1 travelling to Holy Rosary Nursery School
Monday 11 th	Fundamental Movement Week 3 Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 12 th	3 rd Shared Education Visit Room 2 travelling to Holy Rosary Nursery School
Tuesday 12 th	Fundamental Movement Week 3 Mrs Jones' Class
Friday 15 th	Sonal Sports - Physical Skills
Monday 18 th	Fundamental Movement Week 4 Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 19 th	Fundamental Movement Week 4 Mrs Jones' Class
Thursday 21 st	School finishes at 11.10 - Mrs Morrow's Class

	<p>11.20 - Mrs Jones' Class No school Dinners Nursery closes early for new children preparation</p>
Friday 22 nd	<p>Current children do not attend - Introduction day for children starting in September 2026 Nursery closed from Friday 22nd May - Monday 1st June</p>
June	
Monday 1 st	<p>School re-opens - normal time Please send in a white t-shirt</p>
Monday 1 st	Fundamental Movement Week 5 Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 2 nd	Fundamental Movement Week 5 Mrs Jones' Class
Monday 8 th	Fundamental Movement Week 6 Mrs Morrow's Class
Tuesday 9 th	Fundamental Movement Week 6 Mrs Jones' Class
Friday 12 th	<p>Shared Education visit to Streamvale Open Farm Pick -up normal time</p>
Friday 19 th	<p>Sports Day - Mrs Morrow's Class - 1pm - 1.15pm Mrs Jones' Class - 1.20pm - 1.35pm Weather Permitting</p>
Tuesday 30 th	<p>Last Day of Nursery - End of year celebration sing-a-long starts at 11am - Finish 11.30 (No dinners)</p>

Songs and Rhymes April and May

The Farmer Plants the Seeds

(to the tune of the Farmer in the Dell)

The farmer plants the seeds
The farmer plants the seeds
Hi, Ho and Cherry O
The farmer plants the seeds

(Further verses)

The rain begins to fall

The sun begins to shine

The plants begin to grow

The buds all open up

The flowers smile at me



Green Frog Song

(blink) (stick out tongue)

Went the little green frog one day

(blink) (tongue)

Went the little green frog

(blink) (tongue)

Went the little green frog one day

And they all went (blink) (blink) (tongue)

BUT

We all know frogs go LAH (clap) dee dah dee dah

(wave hands to side like hula),

lah (clap) dee dah dee dah (wave),

lah (clap) dee dah dee dah (wave)

We all know frogs go LAH (clap)

DEE DAH DEE DAH (wave)

They don't go (blink) (blink) (tongue)



Little Green Frog

Little green frog, little green frog
where's your tail so small?
I swim in the river, I swim in the river
I have no tail at all

[chorus]

Koo a qwack qwack, koo a qwack qwack

Koo a qwack qwack qwack

Koo a qwack qwack,

Koo a qwack qwack

Koo a qwack qwack qwack

Little green frog, little green frog
Where's your wings so small?
I swim in the river, I swim in the river
I have no wings at all

[chorus]

Little green frog, little green frog

where's your house so small?

I swim in the river, I swim in the river

I have no house at all

[chorus]

You are My Sunshine

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy when skies are gray
You'll never know dear, how much I love
you
Please don't take my sunshine away

