It is hard to believe that the spring term finishes at the end of this week! We hope you have a happy Easter break with your family. We have a busy week and will be celebrating new life and Easter. Easter celebrations across the centre start on Thursday and we would like your child to wear something yellow to celebrate this lovely time of year.

**Wear something yellow on Thursday and Friday!**

We will be making Easter nests, hunting for Easter eggs, decorating eggs, designing our own eggs and singing songs about spring. We will also be thinking about and tasting hot cross buns and finding out why we have them at Easter. We will be learning the rhyme ‘Five hot cross buns in the bakers shop’.

We have all enjoyed this spring weather and have been spending time outside in the garden. We have been making waterways in the loose parts area of the garden and designing different waterways using the guttering and crates. Some of the designs we have made have been very complex.

The flower shop in the role play area has been very popular and we will be wrapping flowers and making labels for the flowers this week.

We have been thinking about new life, looking at the life cycle of a chick and the names of baby animals. We will be looking at the different patterns on Easter eggs and creating our own patterns. In the mark making area will be Easter pictures for them to observe and share.

**Garden and Allotment:** the children have enjoyed being outside in the sunshine and it is great to see so many children outside. The children have been helping to tidy the garden after the winter weather and have been sorting the different areas outside. This week we will be decorating eggs and going on an Easter egg hunt!

Now that spring is on its way we will be preparing the soil for planting out once the frost has gone.

Thank you to Katy’s dad for helping us plant our potatoes.

**Forest School:** Sue and Dawn would like to thank all the families who came and shared their child’s spring celebrations. Please look at the Woodland Whisperer to see pictures.

We have been learning how to paint using watercolours in the forest. We have used block paints and learned how to mix them to make shades of colour with the block paint. We have been observing the spring flowers in detail and painted some beautiful pictures under the trees.

**What can you do at home to support your child’s learning?** Enjoy this special holiday with your child, spend time making Easter nests or set up a simple egg hunt inside or outside!

*Enjoy joining in with our Rhyme Challenge!*