

HENRY ALLEN NURSERY SUMMER NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 1 - APRIL 2025

Welcome to Summer Term 2025 at Henry Allen, both to existing pupils and our new starters. We hope you had a wonderful Easter break and that your children are as excited as us for a brilliant return to nursery.

Living eggs

We can't wait for the Living Eggs to arrive on 28th April so the children can watch them hatch and the chicks grow in the incubator.

Parent Presentation

On Wednesday 30th April we will be hosting a parent presentation regarding phonics, maths and school transition at 9.30am in the Robin's classroom. We look forward to seeing you.

School Fair

The PTA organised school fair will be taking place on Saturday 17th May. This is always a fantastic event and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. The PTA will be in touch with more information, but as ever we/ they really need your support with signing up to help on stalls, sourcing prize donations from local businesses, donating prizes for stalls and attendance.

Fancy Dress: On 2nd May children are invited to come to nursery in fancy dress in exchange for tombola donations for the fair. Rabbits and Robins are asked to bring gifts for the children's tombola and the Squirrels and Hedgehogs a bottle of something for the adult tombola.

Forest School

Forest school for Hedgehogs and Squirrels starts back w/c 28th April. Even as the weather warms up, please ensure children continue to wear long sleeves and trousers to protect them.

PAYMENTS

Many of you will have heard about the struggle there is for nurseries and schools to gain adequate funding. At Henry Allen we want to provide your child with as many life enhancing and developmental experiences as we can, to help them at the start of their educational journey. Throughout the year, we provide a number of lessons and experiences which we may ask you to pay for directly, or are covered by the school fund donation request. As the costs of these things increase for us, so too must the amount we ask of parents.

Many thanks in advance for prompt payment for these things. More often than not, they can be paid for on the School Gateway app. Please talk to the office if you have any trouble with the app or making payments.

Session Fees: If you do not receive government funding for your child's hours you will need to make payment every half-term. The payment for this can be made on the Gateway app and will be split in to morning and/ or afternoon sessions. We charge £25 per 3 hour session. If payment is not made by the end of the half-term, we reserve the right to withhold your child's place the following half-term.

Clubs: Breakfast and after school clubs can be booked on the app and should be paid for in advance. Lunch club (if outside of your child's agreed sessions) must be booked through the office but paid for on the app.

Playball: *Robins, Squirrels and Hedgehogs* - £20 per term. Children who do not attend on a Wednesday will not be charged.

School Fund: This is a voluntary donation but it is used to cover snacks and other items used by the children throughout the term (suggested amount £25 per term). Anyone who would like to donate more than the suggested amount to nursery is very welcome to do so via the school fund.

Trips and activities: These are done on an ad hoc basis and you will be informed of any cost attached at the time (we try as much as possible to keep costs down and cover with existing funds). If you struggle to pay for these, please talk to the office.

What we got up to last term



Tadpoles: The children enjoyed watching the frogspawn develop in to tadpoles and watching how it changed.



Zoolab came to visit and the children had a wonderful time meeting, holding and learning about some fantastic creatures.

Thank you for joining us to celebrate Mother's Day with your child. We hope you loved their beautiful singing in the main nursery and the gifts that they lovingly made for you.



A huge thank you to parent Mr Nawaz and the company he works for NOMINET, who donated a very generous £1000 towards our new play equipment. This sort of support via parents is invaluable and very much appreciated by all who benefit from it.



World Book Day was a great success. Some groups were read to by Woodside School children and we continue weekly with a reading nurture group, when the older children come and read/play with a group of our own pupils.

Notices and Dates For Your Diary



Notices

- **Illness:** If your child has sickness or diarrhea please keep them off nursery for 48 hours since the last bout.
- Please email or call nursery if your child will not be coming in.
- If you need to give your child Calpol before nursery, it is unlikely they are well enough to attend.
- Please update the nursery if your child has any new allergies or conditions.
- If your child keeps an inhaler or medication in nursery, please ensure it is in date.
- Please inform nursery if you have a new address, phone number or emergency contact.
- Nursery is missing a *library* copy of the book “Space Rockets”. It has a plastic cover. If you have this at home, please could you return it to us as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

- Parent presentation: *Wednesday 30th April*
- Fancy dress day / tombola donation: *Friday 2nd May*
- School fair: *Saturday 17th May*
- End of summer half-term 1: *Friday 23rd May*
- Start of summer half-term 2: *Tuesday 3rd June (all pupils return to nursery)*
- Wheelathon: *W/C 9th June*
- Mobile farm to nursery : *June 20th*
- Sports Day (Squirrels and Hedgehogs): *Wednesday 25th June*
- School transition day - **Nursery closed to Hedgehogs and Squirrels:** *Tuesday 1st July (nursery open to Rabbits and Robins)*
- End of School Year 24/25: *Wednesday 23rd July 11:30am*