



HONEYBEE
NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Spring Term 2025



Welcome

We pray this newsletter finds you well and are excited for the new term ahead InshaAllah. We have had a wonderful start to the year and are excited to share some amazing moments, updates and important reminders for the coming term. We are looking forward to welcoming many new children and parents this month.



Last Autumn Term Learning Focus

Autumn Term Sep-Dec 2024

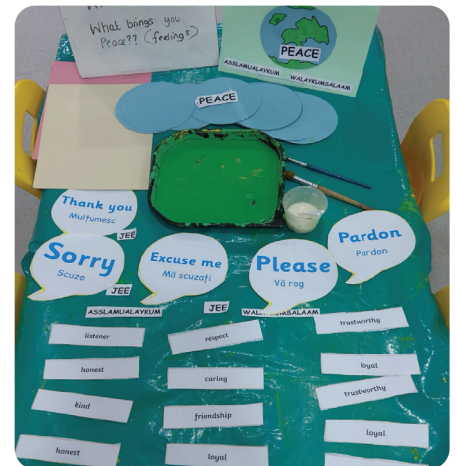
Pre-School

Last term we have been focusing on the changes that have occurred in Autumn. We have been looking at the different colour of leaves and talking about what other changes have occurred in our environment. We also started work on our phonic sounds, shapes and number recognition. The children have settled in well and are doing some brilliant work.



Toddlers

Last term we have been focusing on helping our toddlers settle into the start of the academic year. We set up activities that encourage children to socialise with peers and communicate with others based on their interests, helping them settle in and become more comfortable whilst at nursery. We have also focused on fine motor skills and colour recognition throughout this term for the children to develop in these areas.





This Term Learning Focus

Spring Term Jan – Apr 2025

We have many exciting events planned for the coming term from; experimental planting, making snow, learning how popcorn is made, baking fruit muffins, chopstick day, making pizza's, start of Ramadhan, dentist day, white day, Mother's day and many more. Staff will incorporate every child's interest and plan activities.

We have a number of children who turn 3 during this half term. Staff will be helping children transition through to the Pre-school group.



Dates For Your Diary

Diary Dates:

Monday 3rd March

International Read To Me Day

Children to bring their favourite book from home to share with friends

March 2025

Month of Ramadhan

Staff will plan many excited educational activities throughout the month to ensure children learn about this holy month

Friday 14th March

White Dress Day

Children to come dressed in white abaya or jubbahs.

Nursery Closure Dates:

Monday 6th January

Staff Training Day

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

February Half Term

Tuesday 1st April – Wednesday 2nd April (TBC)

Eid Ul Fitr Holidays

Stay and Play Dates

Toddler and Pre-school stay and play – Dates to be confirmed (week commencing 10th February)



Nursery Funding

All babies aged 9 months onwards and 2-year-olds are eligible for 15 hours of free early education (working parents).

3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free early education per week. There is an additional 15 hours per week of free childcare available for families that meet the Government's eligibility criteria.

More detail information can be found on the link below:
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Application and Funding Process

You will need to apply online via HMRC, they have a dedicated helpdesk to support parents to apply if you are unable to apply online. The link to the website is below:

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Eligible parents will be given a code which will be valid for 3 months, you will be asked to re-confirm your eligibility towards the end of the 3-month period. HMRC will send reminders to parents.

Please be aware that if you would like to increase your child's attendance with your eligibility for 30 hours, please contact us.



General Nursery News

New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Apa Mariam who will be joining us from January 2025. Apa Mariam is working as an apprentice who will be working closely with our lovely experienced staff with both our Toddler Team and Pre-school Team.

Parents Meetings

We recently had our first parent meeting for this academic year. This was a huge success, and many parents were eager to learn how their child had settled and what goals they had achieved. It was lovely to hear some wonderful comments from parents.



A Few Polite Reminders

Start of Session

Sessions start at 8.30am/12.00pm. Main door is open until 8.35am/12.05pm after which we start our registration. Please ensure your child is on time to take part in registration as this is a vital part of the session where children recite the names of Allah and take part in our morning adkhar.

Backpacks

Please ensure your child brings his / her backpack into nursery on a daily basis. Backpack should include a spare change of clothes, wipes or nappies/pull up to use as and when needed. If your child is toilet training please ensure extra clothes are provided in case of accidents.

Nursery Clothing

If your child has borrowed spare clothes/shoes please could these be returned to nursery ASAP.

Lending Library

Lending library will be open again from the first week back. Please take 5 minutes out when dropping off your child to choose a book with them. Reading is a huge part of a child's development, this encourages language development as well as developing a child's imagination and understanding of the world around them.

Payment Reminder

All invoices will be sent out on the first week on this term. Kindly make all payments within 7 days of receiving your invoice.

Thank you for your continued support and duas and for being such an important part of our nursery community, Jazak Allah.