



HONEYBEE
NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Summer Term 2026

Welcome

We pray this newsletter finds you in the best of health and spirits, InshallAllah. As we begin the Summer term, we are delighted to share that we have many exciting activities planned for the months ahead. It promises to be a wonderful and enriching term for our children.

We are also looking forward to welcoming many new children and parents to our setting this month, and we pray their journey with us is filled with joy, growth, and success.

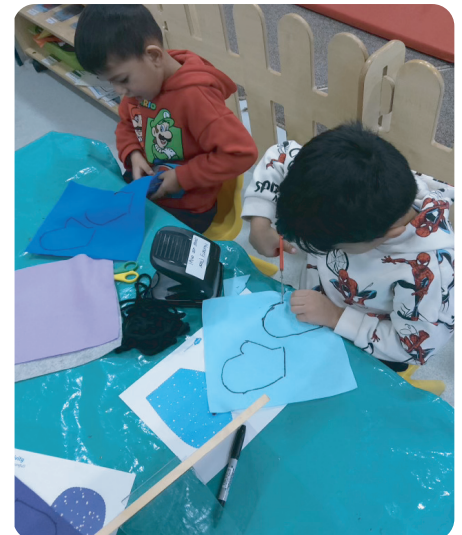


Last Terms Learning Focus

Spring Term Jan-Apr 2026

Pre-School

Since returning in January, our pre-school children have enjoyed a busy and enriching winter half term filled with hands-on learning and memorable activities.



The children began by learning about the winter season. Through stories, discussions, and creative activities, they explored how winter brings colder, windier weather and sometimes snow. They talked about how we keep warm by wearing coats, hats, and scarves, and enjoyed sharing their own winter experiences.



The children also enjoyed baking Turkish bread and cookies. These sessions helped them practice mixing, measuring, following instructions, and working together as a team.

During learning time, the children explored some of the favourite foods of the Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) and learned simple Sunnahs related to eating. They practiced sitting on the floor while eating and learned short daily duas.

The children have also been busy preparing for Eid. They learned about how Muslims celebrate Eid after Ramadhan—decorations, special meals, exchanging gifts, and spending time with family. They enjoyed sharing how they celebrate Eid at home.

It has been a wonderful and memorable half term filled with joy, creativity, and meaningful learning.



Toddlers

This term has been filled with excitement, curiosity and hands on experiences for our toddlers. They have embraced every opportunity to learn through play, explore the world around them and take part in meaningful activities connected to our themes and the special times of the year.



We began the term by exploring winter through our story focus, Elmer in the Snow. The toddlers enjoyed creating their own snowballs, making their very own Elmer and designing colourful “snow” inspired by the story. When real snow arrived, it became the perfect learning moment. The children explored how cold it felt, watched it melt in their hands and talked about the changes they observed, giving them a wonderful sensory experience.



Our toddlers have also been busy little chefs. This term they made crispy buns, cupcakes and Yorkshire puddings. Through these baking experiences, they practised pouring ingredients in different ways, mixing batter and carefully transferring mixtures into trays. For one of our bakes, the children even went on a walk to buy their own ingredients. They loved handing money to the shopkeeper and choosing what they needed, turning it into a fantastic reallife learning opportunity

The toddlers prepared for Eid by making party hats, salad spinner art and paper chains, then celebrated with preschool through games, nasheeds and activities like bubbles, pass the parcel and a lucky dip.

Throughout the term, they made great progress across all areas, especially in physical development and understanding of the world, making it a joyful and memorable experience we are very proud of.





This Terms Learning Focus

Summer Term Apr-Jul 2026

We have many exciting activities planned for the upcoming term, from National Gardening Day, start of Dul-Qa'dah, Chinese Language Day, World Health Day, International Nurse Day, World Red Cross Day, Start of Dul-Hijjah, Muharram, World Baking Day, Leavers Party and to finish off the academic year we will be having an ice cream to celebrate National Ice-cream Day.



Dates For Your Diary

Diary Dates:

**Friday 15th
May**

International Day
of Families

Children to bring
in pictures of
family

**Monday 1st
June**

Sports Day

Children to come into
nursery in suitable
clothing / footwear for
sports activities for the
day

**Wednesday 3rd
June**

Eid Al Adha Party

Children can attend in
fancy party clothes,
activities / party snack
for the day

**Friday 3rd
July**

Leavers Party

Children can attend in
fancy party clothes, end
of year photo for children
leaving, activities / party
snack for the day

Nursery Closure Dates:

Monday 25th May- Friday 29th May
May Half Term

Thursday 21st May and Friday 22nd May
(TBC)

Eid Al Adha

Monday 20th July- Friday 28th August
Summer Holidays

Monday 1st September
Training Day

Stay and Play Dates

Toddlers and Pre-School - Summer Stay and Play session week commencing 22nd June 2026, dates to be confirmed.



Funding

Nursery Funding

If you are working parents and have a child aged between 9 months to 4 years old, you may be eligible to get funding to help with 30 hours free childcare.

If you have a 2 year old, you may be eligible to get funding to help with 15 hours free childcare

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

Parents Meetings

We will be holding our Parents' Meetings during the second week of the new term in April. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to see first-hand what your child enjoys and experiences during their time at nursery. You will also have the chance to speak with your child's key person, discuss their progress, and share any questions or concerns you may have.

Ramadhan Focus

As Ramadhan approached, the pre-school children took part in a range of creative and meaningful activities to help them understand its importance. They:

- Designed beautiful Ramadhan decorations
- Helped create a special Ramadhan display board
- Made hand-printed Ramadhan cards for their families
- Created their own colourful prayer mats
- Crafted bright and cheerful Ramadhan lanterns



Ramadhan Fundraiser

Children in both groups spent some time baking for our bake sale. On Wednesday afternoon we held our stay and play session where parents / carers joined us. It was an afternoon filled with so much fun and enjoyed by all. At the end of the session, we had a mini bake sale where we got the opportunity to sell all the delicious treats we all baked. We raised a total of £359.55 which will all go to The Eden Foundation.



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.

Lending Library

Lending library will be open again from the first week back. Please take 5 minutes out when dropping 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

Indoor/Outdoor Footwear

Please ensure your child has shoes for indoors and wellingtons for outdoors.

Spare Clothes

Please can we ask parents to label all your child's clothes clearly and to return any borrowed from nursery.

Payment Reminder

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

School Places

School places for children starting in reception will be allocated by Kirklees on Thursday 16th April 2026. Please ensure you inform your child's key person what school has been allocated for your child.

Change of Session

Any changes to session must be in writing to honeybee@honeybeechildcare.org.uk with at least 4 weeks notice.

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