



BUMBLEBEE
NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2026

Welcome

As we came to the end of last term, we wished all our preschool leavers the very best of luck as they began their exciting journey into school. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them, their achievements, their confidence, and the wonderful personalities they have grown into during their time with us. A heartfelt thank you to all parents and carers who joined us for our Graduation Ceremony. Your support, encouragement, and presence made the day truly special, and it was a joy to celebrate this milestone together. We will miss our little graduates dearly, but we know they are more than ready for their next adventure.

Welcome back to a brand new Autumn term at Bumblebee Nursery. We hope you all enjoyed a restful and joyful summer break with your families. The children have returned full of energy, curiosity, and big smiles, and it's been wonderful to see them settling back into their routines. As we begin the new season, our preschool children are already embracing their Autumn learning journey with confidence and enthusiasm. This term, they will be exploring early science through observing seasonal changes, investigating nature, and discussing why leaves change colour. Alongside themed literacy and maths activities, they will enjoy Autumn crafts and outdoor exploration to deepen their understanding of the world around them. It's a wonderful time for curiosity, discovery, and building new skills, and we look forward to an exciting term filled with learning opportunities, outdoor adventures, and lots of creative play.

As always, we value our partnership with families and look forward to working together to make this term a positive and enriching experience for every child. Thank you for your continued support, we can't wait to see all the wonderful progress the children will make.





Pre-School

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting time at the nursery! The children have been diving into hands-on learning outside, from planting their own vegetables in the nursery garden to mastering challenging outdoor obstacle courses. Our creativity shone brightly during Art Day, where we used colourful flower petals to create beautiful pictures, and on Chinese Language Day, where we explored mark-making using the Chinese alphabet. We also introduced crucial concepts around well-being during Health Day, focusing on proper teeth brushing and healthy eating habits. In our cultural discussions, we explored the month of Dhul-Qi'dah and talked about the preparations for Hajj.

A major highlight was a special visit from some animal friends, including rabbits, insects, a turtle, and a bearded dragon, which the children absolutely loved! Back in the classroom, we have been focusing on key developmental milestones, including big and small size differentiation, alongside various mark-making and fine-motor activities designed to improve pencil control.

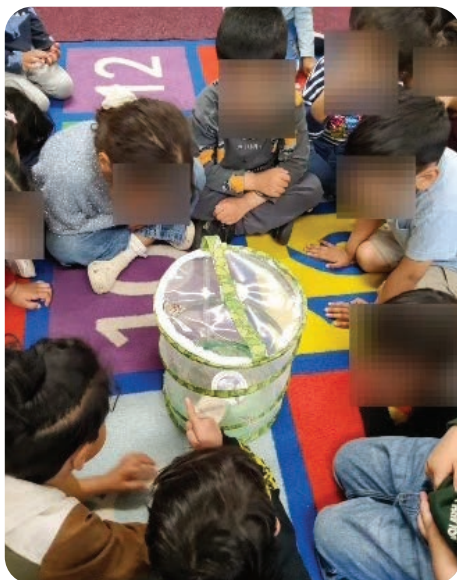


Our learning journey continued with some fantastic hands-on experiences and special visitors! We were thrilled to welcome a nurse to the nursery, who showed the children the tools she uses to help people stay healthy. Family took centre stage on Day of Families, where the children created lovely family portraits, and we also brought our cultural learning to life by role-playing the journey of Hajj.



We had plenty of fun in the kitchen too, baking delicious cupcakes and celebrating Bee Day with a tasty treat of honey on toast!

The children developed an interest in caterpillars and their life cycle. We even had real caterpillars at the nursery, and the children watched in awe as they transformed into beautiful butterflies. We built on this excitement with themed caterpillar crafts and boosted our fine-motor skills by using tweezers to sort colourful pom-poms.



The children have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm while exploring a range of exciting interests and experiences. A particular highlight was welcoming our ducklings and watching them hatch, giving the children a wonderful opportunity to learn about life cycles and care for living things.

The children have also continued to build their phonics and school readiness skills through activities such as recognising and writing their names, identifying numbers, and exploring emotions through discussions and play.



Our little scientists have also been busy diving into a world of discovery with brilliant, hands-on STEM experiments! The children were amazed by the colourful reactions of "exploding raindrops," fizzy volcanoes, the vibrant Skittles experiment, "milk magic," and an exciting animal ice rescue challenge. We love connecting these nursery adventures to home experiences, and the children had a wonderful time taking on grown-up responsibilities by washing clothes outside and carefully hanging them up to dry.

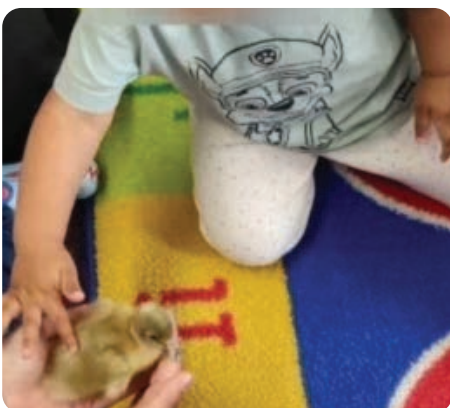




The arrival of the Dixons Ice Cream van was an absolute treat for everyone, inspiring some fantastic ice cream shop role-play back in the classroom. We also celebrated Chocolate Day by baking delicious buns and exploring rich, chocolate-inspired playdough. Finally, we held a beautiful graduation ceremony for our school leavers—we are incredibly proud of them and wish them all the best as they take their next big steps into school!

Toddlers

This term at nursery, the children have explored a wide range of exciting interests and hands on experiences. A favourite highlight was welcoming our ducklings and observing the hatching process. The children were fascinated as they learned about life cycles, watched the ducklings grow, and had the opportunity to gently hold them. They were equally captivated by our caterpillars, eagerly watching them transform into butterflies. To extend this learning, the children took part in a variety of butterfly and caterpillar themed activities, including exploring different butterfly patterns and decorating their own butterflies using colourful pompoms.



Several special events added excitement and variety to the term. World Book Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, as children arrived in their pyjamas and proudly shared their favourite books with peers. This created a warm, cosy atmosphere that encouraged a love of reading and storytelling.

The toddlers also had an exciting visit from Dixons Ice Cream. They loved waiting at the ice cream van to collect their ice creams and took part in lots of ice cream themed activities. In the



malleable area, they explored the ice cream parlour tuff tray and used chocolate playdough to create their own ice creams. They also enjoyed sensory play with melted ice cream Oobleck, glitter, and sprinkles.



Another special event this term was Stay and Play. Parents joined their children indoors and outdoors to take part in a variety of engaging activities. The children enjoyed making their own good deeds tree, matching balls to numbered bowls, and sharing a cosy picnic in the home corner.





Babies

Our babies have had a wonderful term full of exploring, discovering, and learning through play. Every activity has been carefully planned to support their development while encouraging curiosity, confidence, and lots of smiles.

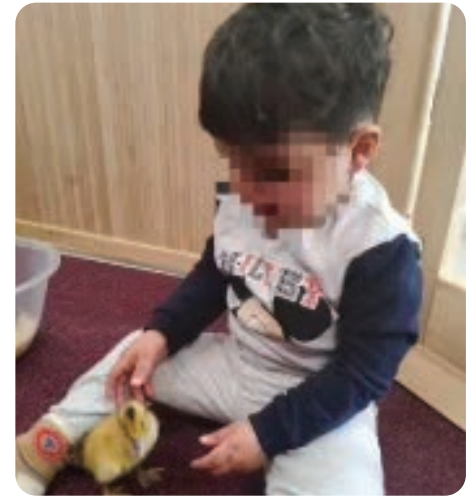
Our babies enjoyed exploring a construction themed play area with toy vehicles, wooden tracks, grass, and a variety of textured materials. They loved pushing the vehicles, feeling the different textures, and watching how things moved, helping develop their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination, and early language through simple conversations and sounds.



Our Sensory activities have been a favourite. The babies explored rice, lentils, oats, foam, and water using their hands, scoops, and containers. They enjoyed feeling different textures while developing their senses, early mathematical awareness through filling and emptying, and new vocabulary as practitioners described what they were experiencing.

Our water trays were filled with floating ducks, balls, lily pads, and containers. The babies enjoyed splashing, pouring, and exploring how objects float on the water. These experiences supported sensory development, hand-eye coordination, and early social skills as they played alongside their friends. We explored beautiful flowers, leaves, petals, shells, and other natural treasures. The babies enjoyed touching, smelling, and closely observing the different materials while learning about colours, textures, and the world around them.

To celebrate World Chocolate Day, the babies enjoyed exploring chocolate-themed playdough "cookies" using rolling pins and cutters. This activity strengthened their fine motor skills while encouraging imaginative play and creativity.



Story time was full of smiles and engagement as the babies listened to familiar stories, explored pictures, and matched simple characters and objects. These sessions supported listening skills, communication, vocabulary, and a growing interest for books.

We also introduced babies to real ducks which provided a rich, hands on learning experience that supported several areas of early development. Watching the ducks waddle, peck, and move around helped the babies build their curiosity, awareness of living things, and early understanding of nature. Babies will begin to make simple connections as they observed how the ducks behave, listen to their sounds, and notice their movements.

Foamy messy play and vehicle washing were great fun! The babies loved exploring the bubbles, washing construction vehicles, and making exciting sensory discoveries through hands-on play.

Throughout the term our babies enjoyed playing alongside one another, learning to take turns, share resources, and build positive relationships with their friends and keyworkers.

These experiences helped to develop confidence, communication, and a sense of belonging. Through these experiences, our babies have been developing, fine motor skills and hand strength, communication and early language, personal, social, and emotional development, early mathematical concepts through filling, emptying, and sorting, understanding of the world through nature and sensory exploration, imaginative and exploratory play, independence, confidence, and curiosity.



This Terms Learning Focus

Autumn Term Sep – Dec 2026

Pre-School

☀ Looking Ahead: Our Exciting New Term

As we look forward to the upcoming term, we are thrilled to welcome our new families and support our children as they settle into nursery life. Our absolute priority during these first few weeks will be building strong bonds and truly getting to know every child's unique personality.

📝 Key Learning & Development Focus Areas

Early Literacy & Writing: We will be focusing heavily on early name recognition and name writing. Through tailored activities, we will help your child recognise the first initial of their name and slowly practice writing it out.

Pencil Control & Fine Motor Skills: Fun, hands-on activities will be planned daily to build hand strength and coordination.

Maths & Literacy Expansion: We are excited to dive deeper into mathematics and literacy, building directly upon the children's expanding knowledge and personal interests.

STEM & Baking Challenges: Our little learners will take part in regular, practical STEM challenges alongside exciting baking sessions.

Emotional Regulation: We will be focusing closely on children's emotions and behaviours, teaching them how to successfully regulate their feelings by using words.

🕌 **Our Islamic Ethos:** We are proud to embed our Islamic ethos even further into daily nursery life this term. The children will take part in beautiful Islamic activities, learn all about the inspiring stories of the Prophets, and explore the importance of the Islamic months.

🏠 Unmissable Themed Days & Events:

We have a fantastic lineup of special calendar events designed to inspire wonder and celebrate our community:

Coconut Day, Emergency Services Day, Roald Dahl Day (celebrating magical stories on Roald Dahl Story Day), Pharmacist Day & Smile Day (focusing on health and hygiene), Science Day, Arabic Language Day, Kindness Day & Chai Day, Porridge Day, Brownie Day, and Pastry & Biscuit Day.

Toddlers

In September, the children will be exploring a range of exciting, themed activities. We will begin with Emergency Services Day, where children will learn about the roles of the police, ambulance crews, and firefighters through engaging, hands on activities.

We will also celebrate Positive Thinking Day, focusing on teaching children about positivity, gratitude, and remembering Allah. Staff will support the children in recognising the blessings in their lives and expressing thanks for all the positive things they experience.

Towards the end of September, we will take part in National Food Bank Day. Children will be encouraged to bring in food donations from home, and staff will plan charity themed activities to help develop their understanding of giving and helping others.

In October, we will mark National Apple Day, where the children will enjoy apple printing and learn about different types of apples, seeds, and the apple core. We will also celebrate National Pumpkin Day, giving children the opportunity to explore pumpkins and learn about their features.

In November, for Bonfire Night, the children will learn about fireworks and fire safety. We will also celebrate World Science Day, where the children will take part in simple science experiments and explore how science works through handson investigations.

In December, we will enjoy World Brownie Day, with the children making their own brownies.

We will also have a Green Day, where children will come dressed in green and take part in themed activities. On National Biscuit Day, the children will make their own biscuits using playdough. To end the term, we will celebrate World Arabic Language Day, introducing children to the Arabic alphabet and simple Arabic words such as hello, goodbye, and thank you.

Babies

As we begin our new term in September, we are excited to support each baby's individual next steps and celebrate their development through a range of fun and engaging activities. Our topic will be People Who Help Us, where the babies will explore different community roles through stories, songs, sensory experiences and creative play.

We will also be introducing simple STEM activities, giving the children opportunities to explore early technology and investigate how things work through handson exploration.

In November, we will take part in a variety of Bonfire Night themed activities, including sensory play and simple, safe experiments designed to spark curiosity and encourage investigation

Throughout the term, we will continue to focus on developing the babies' communication and language skills by introducing new vocabulary, singing songs, sharing stories and encouraging lots of meaningful interactions during play. We look forward to watching the children grow in confidence, discover new interests and achieve their next milestones over the coming months.



Dates For Your Diary

Diary Dates:

Month of September 2026

National Food Bank day

Children are encouraged to bring in food donations from home to support our Eden Foundation charity appeal.

Friday 2nd October

International Coffee Day

Coffee Morning – We will be inviting parents to attend on this day from 9:30am to 10:30am.

W/C Monday 9th November

World Science Day

We will be inviting parents to join us for our Stay and Play sessions, with the exact date to be confirmed.

Nursery Closure Dates:

Tuesday 1st September

Staff Training Day

Monday 2nd November

Staff Training Day

Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October

Autumn Half Term Break

Monday 21st December – Friday

1st January

December Break

Stay and Play Dates

W/C Monday 9th November- World Science Day- Dates to be confirmed for each room.

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.

All 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 organising Parents' Meetings for the Autumn term. Please keep an eye out for further updates.

The Summer Term parents meetings were 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

Parking

To help keep our children safe and to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours, we kindly ask all parents and carers to park sensibly and considerately during drop-off and pick-up times.

Please ensure that you do not:

- Block or partially block residents' driveways
- Restrict access for passing vehicles
- Park on the corner of West View / Church Street
- Park on double yellow lines
- Park on the pavement directly in front of the Nursery

There is ample parking available on Branch Street and further along West View, and we encourage families to use these areas.

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 for this term will be issued during the first week. We kindly ask that all payments are made within 7 days of receiving your invoice.

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