



HONEYBEE
NURSERY

NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 2026

Welcome

We pray this newsletter finds you in the best of health and spirits, InshAllah. As we begin the Autumn 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

Summer Term Apr – Jul 2026

Pre-School

This term was filled with exciting opportunities for the children to learn, explore and develop through a wide variety of hands-on experiences. This term we focused on our Rainforest topic, including a wonderful Rainforest Day where parents joined us to learn and play alongside their children. The children loved exploring the rainforest sensory tuff tray, investigating different textures and materials such as soil, leaves and rainforest animals, which encouraged curiosity, imaginative play and sensory exploration.



The children also enjoyed a range of engaging STEM and mathematical activities, including discovering how a see-saw worked by balancing different animals and exploring weight and balance. In the home corner, they developed their mathematical thinking further by weighing and measuring different foods, comparing which items were heavier or lighter. Alongside this, the children made fantastic progress with their name writing and letter formation, becoming increasingly confident and independent.



A particular highlight was making their own ice lollies from scratch, carefully following each step before enjoying their homemade treats together. To celebrate the end of the year, the children took part in outdoor picnics, graduation activities, graduation photographs and a special graduation snack, creating wonderful memories with their friends.



Looking back over the term, it was wonderful to see how much the children had learned, experienced and achieved. They grew in confidence, independence and curiosity, embracing every new opportunity, and we were incredibly proud of all they accomplished. We wish all of our children and families a happy, safe and enjoyable summer.



Toddlers

This term, the toddlers enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities that encouraged their creativity, imagination and independence, while supporting their communication, social and physical development.

We began the term by celebrating Dhul Hijjah and the Hajj season. The toddlers worked together to create their own Ka'bah and invited the pre-school children to join them in their Hajj role-play, developing their confidence, teamwork and understanding of this special occasion.



Throughout the term, the children enjoyed both indoor and outdoor picnics using real and pretend food from the home corner. These experiences encouraged turn-taking, sharing and cooperative play as they invited their friends and Apas to join in. The toddlers also explored simple baking activities, visiting the shop to collect ingredients before decorating biscuits and making crispy buns, which helped to develop their independence and understanding of everyday routines.



Outdoor learning provided many opportunities for exploration and discovery. The children painted and washed the nursery tyres, learning to care for their environment while having fun.

They planted and watered flowers, showing responsibility and care as they watched them grow. They also created their own dinosaur land using natural resources such as sticks and enjoyed sharing stories together, encouraging imaginative play and a love of books.



To promote healthy lifestyles and self-care, the toddlers took part in outdoor exercises and obstacle courses to develop their physical skills. Indoors, they enjoyed caring for baby dolls by dressing them and meeting their needs, helping to develop empathy, communication and nurturing skills.



This Terms Learning Focus

Autumn Term Sep – Dec 2026

From September to December, the children will enjoy a wide range of seasonal themes and engaging learning experiences. Our topics will include World Smile Day, World Walking Day, Cleanliness and Hygiene, Porridge Day, Pumpkin Day, World Science Day, and learning about fire safety during Bonfire Night.

We will also explore the Islamic months of Jumada al-Thani and Rajab, introducing the Sunnahs and important teachings associated with each month. Throughout the term, we will encourage kindness and generosity through Giving Tuesday, take part in exciting baking activities such as making brownies and biscuits, and celebrate Arabic Language Day, helping children develop their understanding of Islamic values, language, and the world around them through fun, hands-on experiences.



Dates For Your Diary

Diary Dates:

**Monday 14th
September**

Roald Dahl Day

Children to bring in
Roald Dahl books
from home

**Tuesday 22nd
September**

Autumn

Parents to enjoy an
Autumn walk with
their child and bring
natural materials
into nursery.

**Wednesday 30th
September**

**World Food Bank
Day**

Children to bring in
items for donation
to the food bank
books from home

**Friday 2nd
October**

**International
Coffee Day**

Parents are invited
in for a coffee
9.30am – 10.30am

**Monday 14th
December**

Green Day

Children to
attend wearing
something
green.

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

Week commencing Monday 9th November – Date to be confirmed



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.



Parents Meetings

We will be holding our Parents' Meetings towards the end of this term. 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.



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 of the world around them

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.

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.