

Busy Bees Preschool

Term 5 Newsletter; April 2026

Welcome back everyone, we hope you enjoyed the Easter holidays. A special welcome to our new families joining us this term.

It's been a chilly start today, however, here's hoping for some warmer, sunnier weather this term!

Thank you

Preschool children, Primary School places

You will this week, 16th April, which school your child has been offered for September 2024; **remember you must accept to guarantee a place at a school** in September, even if you choose to appeal.

Please inform your child's Key Person or Nikki which school your child is attending in September so that we can start to organise a smooth transition for your child with the relevant schools. You will receive information regarding Information and stay and play sessions for your child in due course from the schools; these will take place during term 6. Please note we are unable to swap your child's sessions if they coincide with Stay and play sessions at school.

10k Fundraising Walk in May

Our annual sponsored walk is taking place in May; we are aiming to walk 10k and all children will take part. Our youngest children, in Bumble Bee room, will complete their walks within the boundary of the school site, with the older children walking around the nearby Jay Rise and Highbury Avenue area. All monies raised will go towards spring planting activities and outside equipment.

As a registered charity raising additional funds is important, so that we can provide a wider range of resources and activities for the children. There will be regular updates on our social -media.

Best Start in Life have just published some useful information about screentime for children, take a look here at the guidance [Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life](#)

Requested Donations for the summer term, thank you

Baby wipes, boxes of tissues, nappy sacks

Paper & Unwanted rolls of wallpaper

Please see the noticeboard for term 5's snack menu 😊

If you have any queries, please call 01722 328799 or email enquiries@busybeespreschool.org.uk



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Upcoming Events & Important dates

Closed Mon 4th May-

Bank Holiday

Sponsored Walk

Monday 11-15 May
involving all children, more information to follow.

End of term 5

Thursday 21st May

The Preschool will be closed on

Friday 22nd May
for staff training

Start of term 6-

Monday 1st June

End of term 6-

Friday 17th July, at 12am

Preschool leavers party- 12-2pm- more details to follow

If you need any information about funding, go to www.beststartinlife.gov.uk



September sessions- If you require different days or more sessions for your child in September, then please book them asap with Nikki or via email. We generally have a large intake of new children in September so it's advisable to book early to secure the sessions you need.

This term as a staff team we have a strong focus on supporting children's emotional well-being and positive relationships with each other.

Here are a few strategies that we are using that you could use at home too

- Encourage children to say how they are feeling or label the feelings you see of younger children, to help children make connections with how they are feeling. It's normal for children to feel scared, angry, overwhelmed as they make sense of the world and their emotions. For adults it's how we respond to children now that will shape how children deal with emotions in the future. Being angry or shouting when children are upset will only escalate the situation and not help the child to overcome such big emotions. [At Busy Bees We remain calm and patient, occasionally staying nearby to help with emotional regulation until the child has calmed down sufficiently to provide verbal reassurance and discuss what happened.](#)

[Five to Thrive - An attachment-based approach to positive parenting](#)

- It's never ok or productive to label children as difficult or naughty. Whilst they may display challenging behaviour or be overwhelmed with emotions and perhaps make bad decisions or lash out, stop and think about why this may be happening.

[What are the triggers, and can these be prevented?](#)

- Name calling does sometimes happen in preschool and often causes upset, anger and encourages bravado amongst children. A child who feels embarrassed, anxious or ashamed is unlikely to make good choices when it comes to behaviour. [One of our rules at Busy Bees that is positively encouraged is that we are kind to each other and use kind words.](#)

- We encourage children to make 'good choices' at times when situations could escalate and offer children at these times so that they are supported to make those good decisions. This also works well when children want something they can't have, rather than just saying 'No' offer a choice of something else instead.

- We help our preschool children to begin to see things from other people's point of view, through collaborative tasks and by talking openly about similarities and differences amongst us and that everybody is unique!

Adult 'Things to remember'

1. It's important to remember young children seek attention, any attention, and will sometimes do anything to get it. Therefore, aim to give your child as much time and positive attention as you can, and when you can ignore unwanted behaviour. This sends a clear message.

2. Most challenging behaviour is a result of unmet needs or a feeling of being emotionally overwhelmed. Young children may not be able to express through words how they are feeling, so stop and think...Is your child tired, hungry, overwhelmed, embarrassed perhaps?

3. Children learn how to cope with emotions and challenges through their environment and watching others around them, both children and adults.

If you have any concerns or would like to pop in for a chat, please get in touch.