

## Need to know

Nursery Manager Katie Townsend  
Deputy Manager Amelia Dann

Although we charge for all hours, whether attended or not, we are able to remove meal package charges for planned absences. We need 2 weeks notice of any absence. Meals will be charged for unplanned absences like sickness as we plan our catering needs 10 days in advance.

To ensure that we are correctly staffed at all times we ask that you adhere to your booked times. If you drop off early or pick up late, our staffing may not be adequate. To deter this, we charge if you pick up late or drop off early. Please also note that nursery will close at 6pm promptly. If your current hours need changing please speak to Katie.

## Nice to know

All nursery policies are available for you to read on our website. To access them, you will need to login – please contact the nursery manager for details.

You can view our 4-week menu online at [www.bristolchildcare.co.uk/meals/menus](http://www.bristolchildcare.co.uk/meals/menus). Our cycle of Summer Menus started on 1 May you can find them on our website.

You can contact Managing Director Saffia Bullock at any time via e-mail: [saffia.bullock@bristolchildcare.co.uk](mailto:saffia.bullock@bristolchildcare.co.uk)

## Bank Holiday Reminder

Spring Bank Holiday - 2 June  
Queen's Platinum Jubilee - 3 June  
Summer Bank Holiday - 29 August

If you have any comments or feedback, please email us at: [courthouse@bristolchildcare.co.uk](mailto:courthouse@bristolchildcare.co.uk)

## Welcome from Katie

Welcome all

We are all enjoying the sunny weather now its started to arrive, all the children are getting out into the garden lots more so please remember to apply sun cream before your child/children come into nursery. We recommend 8-hour cream to last them all day. Please also check any new sun cream you are buying as some of them are adding nut oil to their recipe which can cause children with allergies to react.

Could you send in named water bottles if you haven't done so already and ensure children have hats for the garden.

We have had lots of spotlight month meetings happening, so you will get some photos and updates on what your child/ren have been doing. With the new EYFS curriculum that we follow the focus is for practitioners to spend more quality time, creating meaningful teaching moments and interactions with the children and less time behind the iPad writing and taking lots of photos.

We have said a huge goodbye to Jayde who has moved into her first home and moved onto a new job closer to where she is living. We have also said goodbye to Kayleigh who has moved back to a job closer to her home.

We have welcomed Chloe as our baby room Manager, she is settling in well and has lots of fresh ideas to bring to the team. We have also had Rikki-Lee join our team to support across all of our rooms. Katie Richards our pre-school teacher and Curriculum Lead will be taking on the position of leading the pre-school room and Josie has qualified as a Level 3 practitioner. We are very excited for these changes and have lots of exciting things planned for the nursery moving forward.

We will be planning a Pre-school parent meeting day for school leavers towards the end of July, this will be a chance to catch up with the team before the children go off to school. Date and times to be confirmed.

If you haven't done so already, please do email us with the school your child/ren is going to and the planned date that they will be leaving us.



Chloe



Rikki-Lee

Katie

## Dates for your Diary





### Sharing information and Spring initiatives

Hello to all our families. It's lovely to be seeing more of you in and around our nurseries. Spring is always a really busy time, so I thought I'd make use of this newsletter to share with you some information that we have been asked to share by local authorities and the government and also to update you about some initiatives that we are able to reintroduce into nursery.

### Recycling pens

Now that parents and carers are able to come into nursery again, we are pleased to be able to re-start some of our recycling schemes.

We are going to start with the stationary recycling scheme as what we collect can be taken to Ryman's near our Mornington House nursery in Clifton.

Please see the poster for what can be collected. A box will be in each nursery reception.

Thank you for your support for our schemes to try and reduce our impact on the environment.



Saffia



### Free communication webinar for parents

Are you concerned about your child's speech and language? I CAN, the children's communication charity, are offering free webinars providing strategies and approaches for families to try with their child. The webinars are aimed at parents of children aged 18 months to two and a half years. <https://ican.org.uk/talk-parent-webinars/>

### A new government resource to help keep children safe from sexual abuse

It's estimated that at least one in ten children in England and Wales will experience sexual abuse before they turn sixteen. That's equivalent to three in every classroom. Most children won't tell anyone at the time of their abuse. That's why it's important for everyone to know how to spot the potential signs of child sexual abuse and where to go for support if concerned. The government's new [Stop Abuse Together](https://stopabusettogether.campaign.gov.uk/) website can help you learn to spot the signs, and know when it's right to reach out for more support.



If you feel something is not right, you can call the NSPCC helpline on 0808 800 5000. No matter what's happened, there's always someone who will listen to you and take what you say seriously.

All children have a right to be safe from sexual abuse, and we all have a role to play in keeping them safe. Let's stop abuse together. <https://stopabusettogether.campaign.gov.uk/>

## BBC - Tiny Happy People

Tiny Happy People is here to help you develop your child's communication skills. Explore our simple activities and play ideas and find out about their amazing early development. "Working with a team of experts, including a dedicated language advisory group, the BBC ensures all the content on its site is rooted in evidence and is accessible to all families."



"When children start school they should be able to speak to their new friends in full sentences, ask teachers simple questions and understand what they're told to do. When they have these skills they'll feel more confident and they'll be happier.

But children starting school all across the UK today are unable to do these things.

In England, 1 in 4 children starting primary school are behind with their level of literacy development (language, communication and literacy skills), rising to more than 1 in 3 (42%) in some areas (Department for Education, 2019). The picture is similar in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland too.

Language and communication skills unlock literacy, and that's why Tiny Happy People is concentrating on the building blocks of language development.

Tiny Happy People can help you develop your child's language and communication skills, so they get the best start in life."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

## Alfresco Dining



We have been very fortunate with the weather some days and have made the most of it, not only playing outside but eating out too.

With studies showing that eating alfresco can have great health benefits as you get to enjoy the fresh air, top up on your vitamin D from the sun, and are generally more relaxed we thought we would embrace this and take our lunch table to the garden.

Plus the children love it

## Baby Room

There has been so much going on in our room, we have welcomed Chloe into our room and lots of us are making good friends with her.

There has been some changes to the rhythm of our day, how the room looks and some new furniture that makes it easier for us to find what we want to play with. We are having fun exploring more stimulating activities, interactions with other children and staff and our new resources.

We love messy play at the moment and have been enjoying lots of gloop, play-dough, water-play, and paint. We even got paint out all over the floor and got covered in it, even the adults enjoyed getting messy too.

We have baked a big cake for our cook Sarah's birthday, she makes us lots of yummy food every day, so we made her something scrummy!!

We have also had the soft play out in our room, which we all have loved climbing on, rolling over parts, sliding down parts and pulling ourselves up on.



## Two's Room

Lots has been going on in the Twos room; we have been looking at our resources and what is in the garden, we have been thinking about what we love to play with and what we might like to play with outside.

We found a large box in the nursery and took it to our garden; we made a huge house out of it at first and then decided we wanted to use it as a slide. We all had great fun finding different ways to slide down the box, even the adults had a go! We are also really enjoying recycling materials to make new things, we have made kitchen tubes into telescopes, boxes into small houses for things.



Lots of us have been enjoying painting in and outside, while some of the children were napping, we got all the paint out in the garden. We liked talking about the colours and seeing how much of the paper we could cover with paint.

We have been developing our cutting skills at fruit time, we have been using our child friendly knives to chop up fruit.

We are going to be saying a huge goodbye to Karenza and will be making her some special cards and pictures to take with her to Cornwall, but don't tell her yet!!!

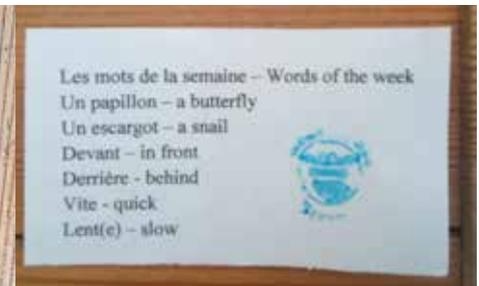
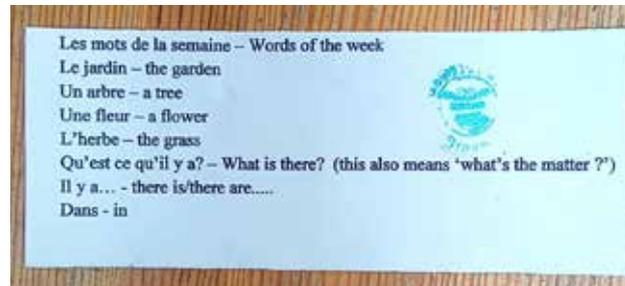


## Preschool

We have been very busy in pre-school, now the warmer weather has come we have been planting in the garden. We have started to grow what we hope will be a giant bean stalk!! Potatoes and carrots and so many wild-flowers that we hope will attract lots of bugs and butterflies.

We have been finding worms to go into our wormarium, we are very excited to see our worms settle into their new home.

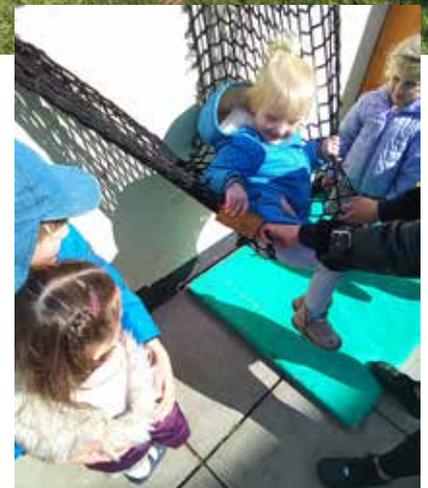
In French we have been learning lots of new words, some of our favourites are to do with the garden.



With the weather being better we have taken lots of trips to the park to play games and even do some Yoga on the big field.

In the garden we used the rope netting to make a swing, we all loved getting in and out of it and our friends pushing us.

We have all been very creative. When Amber found us a huge cardboard box, we decided we wanted to make a real house out of it. It was big enough for lots of us to get in even the adults!! We are very excited for more huge boxes to come into nursery so we can upcycle them into something else.



With lots of changes happening and talking about our school leavers' new schools, we have been talking about our emotions. We are trying to label how we feel and talk about why we feel that way, we have been reading the core book 'The Colour Monster' to help us understand. We will be continuing to talk about and understand our emotions over the coming months, this is to support our transitions into school, and for those of us that are staying in nursery for another year how to say goodbye to some of our friends.

We have said a huge goodbye to Jayde and wished her good luck looking after the new children that are in her nursery closer to her new home.