



Autumn Term 1 Newsletter 2025

Sharing, Caring and Learning Together



WELCOME

A warm welcome to all of you and a special greeting to all our new friends who have joined this term. I would like to thank you for supporting your children's settling in and working patiently in order to make this as successful as possible for the children, giving them the best start.

A huge well done to all of the children who participated in the Diwali play. It was a delight to watch and the children were amazing! Thank you to all the families who came along to support and watch.

After the half term we will be inviting parents into nursery to participate in our Active Movements initiative to encourage Walking to School, ring games and lot's more – look out for the emails via Learning Journals!

The school is very proud to be winners of the Modeshift STARS National Travel Awards, National Early Years Establishment of the Year 2024/25

In addition, I would like to remind you to **park in the Centre car park for drop off and pick up**. Please do not block the residents drive ways or park unlawfully.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you in the next term where we will be having more parent workshops and library visits too.

Mrs Lateef
Headteacher



Primary School Applications

If your child is due to turn four before 31st August 2026, then you need to make your primary school choices now. You can apply for your school place online via Slough Borough Council Citizen Portal.

Applications can be made now and anytime up until 15th January 2026.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Community, Nurture, Empowerment & Adventure

1st - 31st November 2025

We are celebrating and recognising the contributions that black people have made to the UK over many generations.



As part of recognising black history month, the children will be enjoying listening to music and playing along with traditional instruments. The children will learn about the amazing achievements of Garrett Morgan who invented the traffic light system and the children will play their own games linked to stopping and going.



Our school values are at the heart of everything that we do and it is a great pleasure to see this daily. A big thank you for the generous donations for our Harvest collection for Slough Foodbank



CORE STORIES



The Gingerbread Man After half term, the children will be hearing and learning about the 'The Gingerbread Man' story. This too has lots of simple repeated phrases making it ideal for children to join in with.

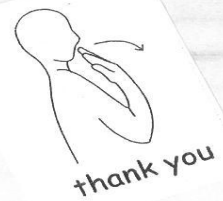


Story Bags: We are really pleased to be able to provide story bags for you to share with your child. The story bags include a game and activity focused on a particular book. There is a £5 voluntary contribution per term, this helps towards covering the cost of replacement, damage and purchasing new items. Thank you to the parents who have contributed already.

Story bags will be available again after half term on a Friday at 8.30am, 9.30am and 12.30pm from Sunshine Room.

Communication and Language

At nursery, we use Makaton signs alongside spoken words to support children's understanding and ability to communicate their needs. Here are some useful words with the sign you can do at the same time as saying the word.



TO HELP (1)
(see video for examples of use)



MORE



Flat hand, palm down, covers top of other fist



TO EAT (1)



Tap lips twice with emphasis

Coughs, Colds & Childhood Illnesses

Remember to inform the nursery daily if your child your child is going to be absent and provide the reason. You can do this by telephone: 01753 521975, email admin@slough-nursery.slough.sch.uk or text on 07786208889

Please keep your child home if he or she is unwell as the nursery environment is a very busy environment and is not the ideal place to be with a temperature or headache.

VOMITING AND DIARRHOEA

If your child has had vomiting and diarrhoea, it is important that they remain away from school at least 48 hours after their last bout of illness. This is a Health Protection Agency requirement. It helps stop the passing of symptoms to other children, parents/carers and staff.

What to bring to nursery everyday:?

- 2 pairs of socks
- 2 pairs of knickers/underpants or nappies
- 2 jumpers
- 2 long sleeved t-shirts
- 2 jogger bottoms

Please write your child's name in permanent marker in all of their belongings.

REMINDER: If your child is wearing nappies, please provide your own nappies, wet wipes and nappy bags.

Key dates:

- Half term week: 27th October – 31st October 2025 – Nursery closed.
- Children return Monday 3rd November as normal.
- Tuesday 4th November – early finish at 2.15pm
- Wednesday 5th November Active Start session with Miss Carroll – parents invited, further information to follow.
- Monday 11th November – Story time, all parents are invited to attend 10.45am/2.45pm
- Wednesday 19th November – 10.25-11.25am & 12.40-1.40pm Parent workshop – Support with Routines & Boundaries.
- Tuesday 25th November 10.30am & 2.30pm, story time with Alison Beer – visit from the library, parents invited.
- Wednesday 3rd December – 9am & 12.45pm Parent workshop regarding online safety.
- Friday 12th December 10.30am & 2.30pm Christmas Nativity play & special visitor for the children.
- Thursday 18th December – Poppies & Daisies Christmas parties & Last day of term.
- Friday 19th December – Christmas parties for all bluebell children. All children start at 9am and finish nursery at 12pm.
- Friday 9th January 2026 – Children return, normal nursery session.

Parent workshop with Mrs Saundh

The safety and well-being of your children is always our top priority. As our world becomes increasingly digital, teaching children about safety and establishing healthy habits early on is a key part of our safeguarding commitment.

Parents are invited to attend an Online Safety session for children in nursery on the 3rd of December at 9.00 am and 12.45 pm.



Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable so they can ignite almost instantly and burn fast.



Try to buy from a reputable store or website. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.



Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark



Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability"



Remind children to stay well away from naked flames and other heat sources



Firework safety: lessons for little ones

There's no substitute for good adult supervision when it comes to preschoolers and fireworks. Even sparklers burn many times hotter than a kettle of boiling water! But you can start teaching them how to stay safe. Use our safety messages and activity ideas to make firework safety fun!

Safety messages

- Fireworks are exciting, but they can be very dangerous and can hurt you. Listen to your grown-up about where is a safe place to stand.
- Never touch a firework. Don't pick up a firework after it has been used.
- Wear your gloves when you hold your sparkler and keep it away from your body.
- Hold one sparkler at a time.
- Keep your sparkly sparkler safely away from other people and don't run around with it.
- Don't throw your sparkler in case it hits someone.
- Once your sparkler is finished, put it into a bucket of water, don't pick it back up. It stays hot for a long time and can burn you.
- Stand well away from the bonfire and stay close to the grown-ups.
- Don't be tempted to throw things into the bonfire or poke at it with sticks.
- Practice your **STOP, DROP and ROLL** before your fireworks celebrations.

More advice here:

www.capt.org.uk/firework-safety

Activity ideas

- Build on your work teaching children about hot and cold. Using pictures of hot things (including sparklers, fireworks, bonfires) and cold things (including a bucket of water to put used sparklers in) develop some simple games around matching/difference e.g. pairs, snap, spot the difference.
- Encourage children to make safety posters. You can print out pictures for children to use. Or use their bonfire night paintings and crafts as part of a fireworks safety display in your setting.
- At circle time ask the children questions:
 - What should you wear on your hands if you are holding a sparkler?
 - Should you run around when you are holding a sparkler?
 - What should you do with a sparkler when it has gone out?
 - You must never touch fireworks. Why not?
 - Why should you stand well away from the bonfire?
- Role play children sitting at a safe distance behind a rope around a firepit or pretend bonfire.
- Practice **STOP, DROP and ROLL**.

STOP, DROP and ROLL

If your clothes catch fire **STOP, DROP and ROLL**:

1. **STOP** what you're doing.
2. **DROP** to the ground and cover your face with your hands.
3. **ROLL** over and over to put out the flames.