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Autumn Term 1 2026 Newsletter

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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. Your children are doing very well and enjoying all the incredible learning opportunities on offer. We have uploaded many pictures of your children's learning on Learning Journal for you to see and share with them at home. If you are not sure of how to access Learning Journals please speak to Mrs Iqbal in the school office.

We are pleased to introduce our new Chair of Governors, Mrs Sarah Wetherall, who will work alongside school leadership to guide our strategic direction. You will have the chance to meet her in person when she attends our upcoming special celebrations for Diwali and Christmas. We are also looking for parent governors to join our board; if you are interested in playing an active role in our school community and supporting our long-term vision, please consider applying for this vacancy. Please speak to Mrs Lateef if you would like more information.



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! Mrs Saundh will also be hosting the online safety parent workshop on 6th November you can sign up for this via the school office.

The school is very proud to be winners of the Modeshift STARS Regional Travel Awards, winning this award for the 4th time. A big thank you to all our families, and a special thank you to Miss Carroll, whose hard work and dedication went into achieving this accreditation.

We are very excited to introduce Mrs Salam as our new SENCo. Mrs Salam has a wealth of experience, and we are so glad to have her on board. We also want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Saundh for kindly stepping in and covering the role. While many of you have already met Mrs Salam, keep an eye out for a coffee morning or afternoon soon—we would love for you to come along and meet her!



In addition, I would like to remind you to park in the Centre car park for drop off and pick up. Please ensure you register on the RingGo app, to ensure you are not fined. 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. Children return on Tuesday 3rd November.

Mrs Lateef
Headteacher



Primary School Applications

If your child is was born between 1st September 2022 & 31st August 2023, 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 2027.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Community, Nurture, Empowerment & Adventure

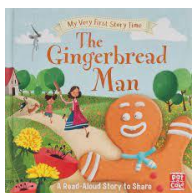
Parents and carers are reminded that they can access the [Slough Information and Services Guide](#) for free local support. This one-stop digital directory is a helpful resource for families, offering quick access to information on childcare options, holiday activities, health services, and financial advice. It also houses Slough's SEND Local Offer, making it an excellent reference point for families looking to find targeted specialist care and educational resources for children with additional needs.

We have been 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.



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.

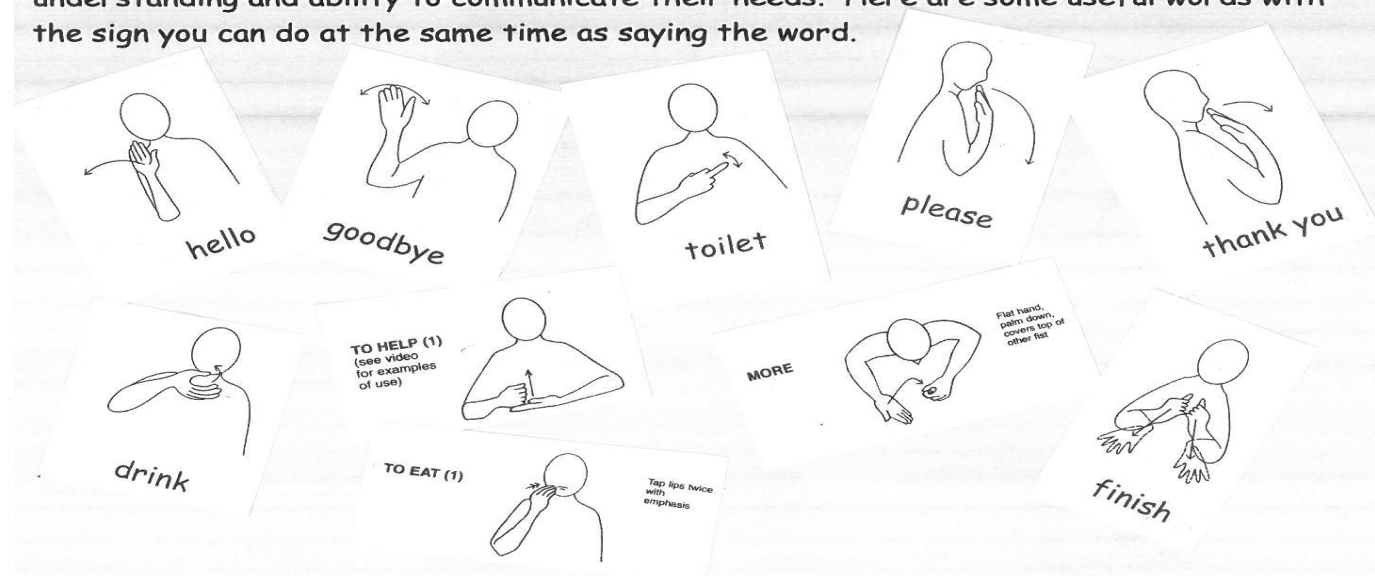


Story Bags & Library: We are really pleased to be able to provide story bags for you to share with your child. The story bags include a game and activity focused on a particular book. There is a £5 voluntary contribution per term, this helps towards covering the cost of replacement, damage and purchasing 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. You are also able to borrow a book from our nursery library to take home and return after the weekend. This will also be available after the half term holiday.

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.



Coughs, Colds & Childhood Illnesses

Remember to inform the nursery daily if 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 07860069034

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.

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 Friday 6th November, 9am and 12.45 pm.

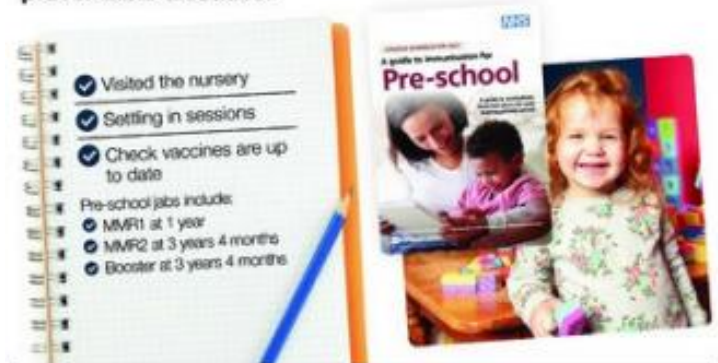


Key dates:

- Half term week: 26th October - 30th October 2026 - Nursery closed.
- 2nd November - Inset day, nursery closed.
- Tuesday 3rd November - children return to nursery as normal. Active Start session with Miss Carroll - parents invited, 8.30-8.45AM & 12.30-12.45PM.
- Friday 6th November - Parent workshop - Online Safety 9AM & 12.45PM.
- Wednesday 11th November Diwali play, parents of Daisies & Bluebells invited.
- Thursday 12th November - Diwali parties for Daisies, Poppies & Bluebells.
- Tuesday 17th November - early finish, nursery closing at 2.15pm for staff training.
- Thursday 19th November - Parent workshop "Support with Routines & Boundaries" with Family Support Worker - please sign up at the school office.
- Friday 27th November - Bluebells parents invited for story time in their class at 10.45am & 2.45pm.
- Wednesday 2nd December - Toilet training workshop with Mrs Parmar - sign up in the school office.
- Friday 11th December - Daisies & Bluebells class invited to watch the Christmas Nativity play.
- Thursday 17th December - Poppies & Daisies Christmas party and last day of term.
- Friday 18th December - ALL Bluebells children (AM, PM, 30 hours) & Daisies attend 8.30am-11.30am for Christmas party. Last day of term.
- Children return - Wednesday 6th January 2027

Starting nursery?

When your child starts nursery they will be learning and playing with more children. If they are not up to date with their jabs, they could be at risk of catching preventable diseases.



MMR Vaccination and Nursery: It's a good time to check that their MMR vaccinations are up to date. The vaccine helps protect them against measles, mumps and rubella, giving them extra protection as they spend more time with other children. If you're unsure whether they've had their vaccinations, don't worry — your GP surgery can check their records and advise you on any doses they may need.



102,000 children starting school in England are at risk of catching measles

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

'Measles is highly infectious and can be passed on even before the rash appears.'

'Make sure your child is protected from becoming seriously unwell.'



9 out of 10 unvaccinated children can catch measles if someone in their class has it

Check your child is up to date with their MMR vaccinations

NHS Guide to keeping children home when ill

As we approach that time of year when cough and colds begin, the NHS have provided some simple but effective steps you can take to reduce the spread and keep your children in school. Please see the link below for a guide as to whether or not you should send your child in if they are ill.

https://attendancetoolkit.blob.core.windows.net/toolkit-resources/NHS%20guidance%20sheet.pdf?es_c=72E5868C795D2BC662B7B51370DF7746&es_cl=21D917702741F9FAB55588881C6DC799&es_id=ph7%c2%a3o1

Common Winter Illness (Information from the NHS)



COUGH?

I'VE GOT A SUPER BODY

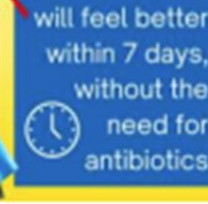
Most children will feel better in a few weeks, without the need for antibiotics



EAR ACHE?

I'VE GOT A SUPER BODY

Most children will feel better within 8 days, without the need for antibiotics



SORE THROAT?

I'VE GOT A SUPER BODY

Most children will feel better within 7 days, without the need for antibiotics

Outside Play:

One common question that we hear from parents is 'are the children going outside if it is cold?'.
The common belief is that children will not like being outdoors or will get sick being outdoors in the cold. Playing outside is so important for learning and has so many different opportunities for exploration. It is very important for early childhood development. Sickness is caused by a viral or bacterial infection. When children go outside, they are less likely to get sick since they are out in the open fresh air with an abundance of Vitamin D. Viruses are transmitted by direct contact, and children share toys, hug each other and touch each other, so the chance to spread infection is higher indoors than outdoors due to the type of activities they engage in and the equipment used.

BBC Tiny Happy People

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

This is brilliant for offering advice, tips, child development and milestones information in the form of videos and handouts.

Toilet Training Strategies

<https://eric.org.uk/> is a children's bowel and bladder charity. They have a wealth of information on strategies on how to support your child to prepare for toilet training, etc. Log onto their website for more details.



Friendship walk for Inter Faith Week in Herschel Park

Thursday 12 November, 12pm

Meet outside
Observatory House,
Windsor Road SL1 2EL

BOOK ONLINE



Slough's Best Start Family Hubs

Infant feeding and weaning drop-in sessions



Drop-in to see the Family Hub Team for support and advice about breastfeeding, weaning, and providing a healthy diet for your family.

No need to book!

• **Best Start Family Hub Chalvey Grove**
Marlton Academy Primary School Grounds, Chalvey Grove, Slough SL3 2TE
9.30–11.30am, Tues 6 Oct, 3 Nov, 1 Dec.

• **Best Start Family Hub Penn Road**
Penn Road, Slough SL2 1PG
9.30–11.30am, Wed 23 Sep, 21 Oct, 18 Nov, 16 Dec.

• **Best Start Family Hub Romsey Close**
Marish Primary School, Romsey Close, Langley, Slough SL3 8PE
9.30–11.30am, Mon 14 Sep, 12 Oct, 9 Nov, 14 Dec.





Wild about stories with Slough Libraries

Free, family fun and learning this half-term
at Slough Libraries. No booking required.

Celebrate Green Libraries Week with us and discover how
climate change is affecting the planet's wildlife, or pop in
to enjoy a short and snappy story.

Live green, love green

Children can combine fact-finding with creative fun as
they are guided to research endangered animals.
Increase your knowledge, then get hands-on to make
your own animal for our display, and inspire others to
protect our planet. Choose to explore the creatures of
the sea, or life on earth. All Slough Libraries -
dates and times below.



Green
Libraries
Week



Langley Library

Live Green, Love Green
Endangered animals of the earth. Age 3+
Monday 26 October, 2-3pm



The Curve

Live Green, Love Green
Endangered animals of the earth. Age 3+
Tuesday 27 October, 2-3pm

LEGO®

Build a Greener Future. Be inspired to create a
green and clean world from our thousands of
bricks. Age 5+
Tuesday 27 October, 4-5pm

Book of the day

Join us as we read a different Bookstart Storytime book
each day. Pick up your sticker booklet, collect
your sticker and vote for your favourite story
on Friday. Recommended age 3-7.
Monday 26 to Friday 30 October, 11am

Elves and the Shoemaker

Listen to this enchanting fairy tale. Suitable for ages 4+
Wednesday 28 October, 12-12.20pm
Join Museums Partnership Reading for a fun fairytale activity,
based on this well-loved story.
Friday 30 October, 12.30-2.30pm

Chess for all ages

Challenge someone to a match. Please note:
this activity is also attended by adults.
Every Saturday 11.30am-12.30pm



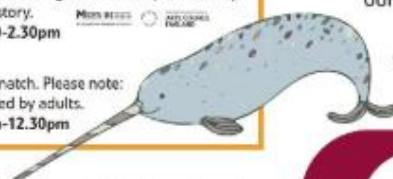
Cippenham Library

Live Green, Love Green
Endangered animals of the sea. Age 3+
Wednesday 28 October, 2-3pm



Britwell Library

Live Green, Love Green
Endangered animals of the earth. Age 3+
Thursday 29 October, 11am-12noon



Borrow a bundle of books to keep the
fun and learning going. Access all hours to
our online collection of ebooks and digital
audiobooks. Ask staff for details.

www.slough.gov.uk/libraries
www.slough.gov.uk/events



Please note the age guidance for activities. Parents and
carers should stay at the library during the activity. Our
regular story times are paused during the school holidays.

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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 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.

The safeguarding of children is of the utmost importance. If you have any cause for concern, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Team:

Mrs Saundh - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Lateef - DDSL

Miss Badnell - DDSL