



AUTUMN 2-2023

NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your diary



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER

22nd - Break up for Christmas holiday
WB 25th - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (2 WEEKS)

JANUARY

8th - Back to school (Spring 1)
10th - SEND coffee morning

FEBRUARY

7th - Chinese New Year celebration
9th - Break up for the half term holiday
WB 12th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)
19th - STAFF TRAINING DAY
20th - Back to school (Spring 2)

MARCH

6th - World Book Day event
21st - Break up for Easter holiday
22nd—STAFF TRAINING DAY
WB 25th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (2 weeks)

APRIL

8TH - Back to school (Summer 1)

MAY

24th - Break up for the half term holiday
WB 27th - SCHOOL HOLIDAY (1 week)

JUNE

3rd - Back to school (Summer 2)
WB 10th—Parent consultation meetings

JULY

18th - Last day of provision for all children
19th—Graduation day for leavers

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Head Teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The lead up to the Christmas holidays always feels like a very long one but isn't it just a magical time! Thank you to all who joined for our Christmas singing workshop - singing together really puts a smile on everyone's faces.

The staff did a wonderful job in preparing the environment and grotto for the children to enjoy, and we were lucky enough to have a very special visitor during the party sessions... Ho Ho Ho! One parent said; "Wow, you've done a phenomenal job—this is so special!"
'Stay and Play' information

Wednesdays between 9-10:30am - Jakeman Nursery School

We continue to run a weekly stay and play session for parents/carers and children under 3 years old in our stay and play room just across the car park. The feedback for this session has been overwhelmingly positive throughout this term so please help us spread the word and come along if you have younger children not yet in our Nursery. We are very pleased to be able to offer this free of charge and with at least 1 qualified Early Years practitioner to play as well as chat to and support parents and carers.

Gracelands Nursery School also runs a well attended 'Stay and Play' in the stay and play room at Gracelands Nursery School (Grace Road, B11 1ED). If you are able to travel and would like to attend (the more the merrier!), this runs:

Fridays between 9:15-11am - Gracelands Nursery School

Measles/MMR

Please do read the very important information from Birmingham Public Health on Page 4.

School Reception place applications

I believe we have spoken to most parents now to see if applications have been made or if help is needed. Please remember the absolute deadline is midnight on 15th January (school starters only). PLEASE ASK US IF YOU STILL NEED HELP—WE CAN COMPLETE THIS WITH YOU IN SCHOOL.

Happy holidays

Whilst it is a late break up for the Christmas holiday this year, please note we don't return to nursery until Monday 8th January 2024. On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a wonderful break and a very happy, healthy and prosperous 2024. Happy New Year to all. Thank you, *Sam*



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SPRING 1 CURRICULUM FOCUS

LEARNING

Entering into a new term is always exciting. As we close out the last chapter of 2023, we are looking ahead to the start of 2024 and the promise that this brings. Upon their return, we will be focusing on the consolidation of previously learnt skills and knowledge, in addition to the acquirement of new ones!

A deeper focus on children's phonological awareness, for example, is just one of many things the children will be working towards in spring. Through rhyming books, songs and everyday conversations, the children will be encouraged to spot rhymes, clap to the beat (syllables) in words and begin to be able to recognise words with the same initial sound.

Subsiting (being able to recognise an amount without physically counting) and the understanding of the cardinal principle (knowing the last number reached when counting, represents the amount) are some of the mathematical concepts which we will also be emphasising. Through the development of their previous interests in birds and babies, along with closely observed new interests, we will engage the children in what excites and motivates them, using their interests as the vehicle in which to deliver these new and exciting skills!

Some of the stories we are planning to read include Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Jack and the Beanstalk and The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Having read these at home as part of our Bedtime Reading Challenge, the children will be familiar with the characters, settings and sequencing of events. Using stories that the children are already familiar with provides an opportunity to delve deeper into these stories through the use of 'why' questions.



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance this term (autumn)

	Attendance %
Big nursery	79.4%
Little nursery	79%
All	79.3%

Our attendance has dropped over the last few weeks due to high amounts of illness and therefore the term average has dropped. We are hoping for lots of healthy children and great attendance in the spring term. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to keeping us well informed regarding absences.

Our aspiration continues to be to reach 90% attendance.

It can be tricky—especially at this time of year—to know when to keep your child off school when they have signs of winter colds and various other illnesses are in circulation across the city.

NHS guidance 'Too Ill For School?' can be found here if you need to revisit it: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

RRSA links: United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child links =

Article 3: best interests of the child

Article 28: right to an education

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone nursery or leave us a message with the reason.

SEND COFFEE MORNINGS

Do you have a child with Special Educational Needs or Disability?

Or do you have a concern about your child's development?

Our SEND coffee mornings offer an opportunity for parents to talk together and network as well as access specialist SEND professional support.

The next scheduled SEND coffee morning is on:

Wednesday 10th January @ 9:15am

Special
Educational
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& Disabilities



SOCIAL MEDIA

If you don't already, please follow us on our Facebook and Instagram pages. Jason and Janine very much enjoy posting all of the fun and learning that takes place at Jakeman through images and videos—it would be great to expand our follow base.

Instagram account: @jakeman_nursery_school

Facebook page: Jakeman Local Authority Maintained School

Startwell



2 Snacks Max

The Christmas holidays are upon us and managing snacks can become a little more challenging when the holiday days lack nursery routine. Try talking to your child about '2 Snacks Max' and encourage choosing just 2 healthy snacks for the day together, in between the 3 main meals.

As a follow up to our learning on oral health in nursery this half term, why not also take a look at the parent/carer activity advice below:

Linked character:



Message:

Smiley Shen is all about keeping teeth healthy by cleaning teeth twice a day and limiting sugary food and drink. It is important that you supervise tooth brushing up to 7 years of age.

Look at the Startwell website for more tips and advice:

<https://startwellbirmingham.co.uk/>

Activity:

Create a toothbrush chart to encourage children to brush their teeth twice a day. For each day of the week create two columns and ask them to put a tick in each column to monitor their toothbrushing. Remember to remind them that they need to brush for 2 minutes.

What you need:

Toothbrush chart



INCREASED CHILDCARE ENTITLEMENT FOR WORKING PARENTS

UP TO 30 HOURS CHILDCARE

Free/funded child care:

Currently, all three- and four-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours per week of free child-care or early education (over 38 weeks of the year).

Working families children of three- and four-year-olds are entitled to claim [30 hours for working families](#) (over 38 weeks of the year).

15 hours childcare is available free/funded for disadvantaged two-year-olds (over 38 weeks of the year).

The increased offer:

By September 2025, working parents will be able to claim 30 hours of free childcare a week, over 38 weeks of the year, all the way from when their baby is nine months up to when they start school.

The increased offer will be rolled out in stages:

Working parents who individually earn more than £8,670

From Apr 2024 - Up to 15 hours for eligible working families in England with a 2-year-old.

From Sept 2024 - Up to 15 hours for eligible working families in England with a child between 9 and 23 months old.

From Sept 2025 - Up to 30 hours for eligible working families in England with a child from 9 months old up to school age.

(from April '23) but less than £100,000 per year are eligible.

If you're in a couple, the rules apply to both of you, so you must both earn at least £8,670 and neither one of you can earn more than £100,000.

There's more information available on the exact criteria on the [Childcare Choices](#) website.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE 2-YEAR-OLD 30 HOURS FROM APRIL 2024.



SAFEGUARDING UPDATE FOR FAMILIES—

Road Safety

<https://capt.org.uk/pages/category/safety-advice-injury-types/>



Pedestrians – younger children

- Get young children into the habit of holding your hand or use walking reins
- Ask questions while you're out to help them understand simple ideas like 'fast' and 'slow'
- You can start teaching the Green Cross Code from age five, encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think
- But they won't always remember safety rules, especially if they're excited or spot a friend across the road
- Children will copy what you do, so try to avoid stepping into the road without checking for traffic first. If you can do the right thing, it will help them get into good habits.



Driving – speed is everything when it comes to a child's chances of survival. They're 3.5 times more likely to die if hit by a car doing between 30-40 mph.

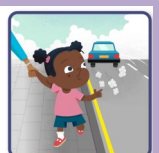
- Keep an eye on your speed

child accident prevention trust



I might run off and get hit by a car

Department for Transport



MEASLES/MMR UPDATE BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC HEALTH



Public Health
England

Measles cases have been confirmed locally in Birmingham. Measles outbreaks can happen when not enough children have been vaccinated. **Please check that your child has been vaccinated.**

About measles

Measles is highly infectious (it can spread easily from person to person). While most people recover completely within a couple of weeks, measles can cause serious illness and in rare cases it can be fatal. Vaccination with **two doses of MMR** is the only way to give people maximum protection.

The **first signs of measles** are:

- ♦ high temperature
- ♦ runny or blocked nose
- ♦ sneezing
- ♦ cough
- ♦ red, sore, watery eyes

rash usually appears a few days after cold-like symptoms (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to rest of the body)

Measles can cause complications, especially in certain at-risk groups that include babies and small children, pregnant women and people with weak immunity.

The MMR vaccine

If your child has not received **two doses of MMR vaccination** as part of their childhood immunisation programme, you should take up the offer of the MMR vaccine for your child now. If you are not sure if your child needs an MMR vaccine, you can check in your child's red book or contact your GP to check.

The MMR vaccination is the best way to protect against measles as it is:

- effective
- safe and
- free of charge

The vaccine provides effective protection against three diseases – measles, mumps and rubella.

The first dose of MMR is given soon after the first birthday. A second dose is normally given before school entry, at around 3 years, 4 months. However, you can have the MMR vaccine at any later age. If either you or your child are not fully protected against measles (two doses of MMR), you can contact your GP surgery to arrange vaccination. It is never too late to get vaccinated.

If your family avoids pork, a MMR vaccine is available that does not contain any pork products.

This is especially important when measles is circulating because any child or adult who has not had at least one dose of MMR and comes into contact with a person with measles will have to be excluded from nursery or school for 21 days and stay at home.

What to do if you think your child has measles

If your child develops symptoms, you should contact your GP. You must contact the surgery by telephone before visiting and tell the reception staff that you think that your child may have measles and not attend the surgery unless you are asked to.

The doctor will make special arrangements to see your child so that, if they have measles, they won't pass it to others.

People with measles will remain infectious, and so be able to pass on the disease to others **for 4 days after the start of the rash**. Therefore, it is important that anyone with measles stays away from nursery, school, group activities and gatherings during that time.

Further information on the MMR vaccine can be found on the NHS website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

