



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter

September 2025

Smooth Transitions- w/c 1st September

It has been very reassuring to see that all the children are now beginning to settle in their new rooms. The children always amaze us at how well prepared they are for any changes which we make here at Countryside, they really are very resilient. Therefore we congratulate the children all as they settle into their new classes at Countryside.

I have also heard from many of the children who left for school this September and again this year, we are so pleased that for everyone we have spoken to, their children have settled in well and are very happy to be attending school. This is testimony that whilst here at Countryside we nurture children's curiosity and challenge their minds we also know that by attending the Nursery this prepares the children so well for the very important transition to school and to their journey of life and learning.

The government are investing heavily into Early Years, with the increase of funding for our young children and it is therefore no surprise that they have completed huge amounts of research to evidence how beneficial the Early Years is for young children. However, after working in Early Years for over 30 years, I completely agree, you cannot give your child a better start in life than to offer them some type of Early Years experiences. I am so thrilled that the children here have the opportunity to have the "Countryside experience."

Thank you also to our Countryside's fabulous dedicated staff team. They all an amazing bunch of staff to work, for me it is a privilege and a pleasure to come to work every day with them- they are so motivated and always have the children's interests as top priority to ensure that we can deliver the absolute best practice. Thank you to you all xxx

Alex's Wedding

We have some exciting news! Alex in Little Squirrels is getting married to his partner Anne on Thursday 16th October.

As a staff team we are going to have a collection for Alex and Anne to wish them our very best wishes, I will be getting a wedding card, so if you would like to contribute, please do come and sign the card in Big Squirrels from next week

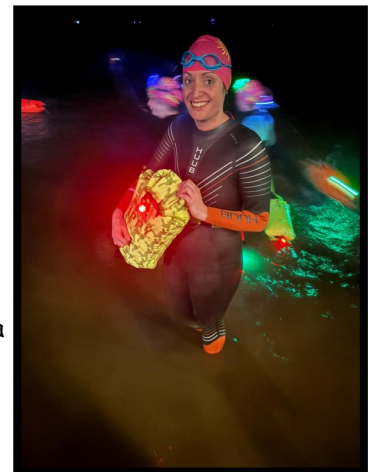


Nikki's Charity Swim

Nikki completed her charity swim and she wanted to say a huge thank you for all our parents support and donations. Nikki's team raised over £1200. The event has raised over £90,000 and still taking donations.

Nikki said it was a wet and windy weekend but a great atmosphere and she expresses her thanks for supporting Level water and raising money for children with disabilities.

Well done Nikki!!! xxx



Ladybirds Learning Activities in August 2025



Exploring the Sensory tray together.



Settling-in



Rolling and squishing the play dough.



Having fun on the rocker.



Making marks with water and brushes on the Aqua mat.



Exploring that activity board.



Enjoying looking at a book.



Exploring the ICT toys.



Getting creative with shapes and glue.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in August 2025



Water play fun in the garden.



Feeding the Nursery Chickens.



Having fun on the big slide.



Creating colourful marks with the paints and rollers.



Enjoying looking at a book.



Renee played her Ukulele for us at Circle time.



Having fun together.



Rolling and cutting the dough.



Building towers together.



Going on an adventure in the Nursery boat.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in August 2025



Creating animal foot prints with the paint.



Looking at a bug we found in our garden.



Enjoying a walk in the sheep field.



Helping each other to complete the puzzle.



Sharing Tapestry news from home.



Having fun in the climbing tree.



Cooling down in the paddling pool.



Creating our crowns.



Creating our own mini volcanoes.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in August 2025



Having fun flying the flags.



Picking our Tomatoes.



Making sandwiches for our snack.



Looking for bugs .



Enjoying eating our lunch outside.



Singing session using our song bags..



Playing a matching game.



Creating some potions.



Having fun in the large sandpit.



Slippy Slide Fun in the Sun!

Other pieces of Information

Christmas Closing Dates

Dates for Christmas Break 2025

Friday 19th December 2025-Nursery closes @ 6pm
Monday 5th January 2026-Nursery re-opens @ 8am

Big Squirrels Visit to Newent Library

On Monday 4th August in the afternoon Big Squirrels had an enjoyable trip Newent Library to return and choose some new books, which we share at Nursery.

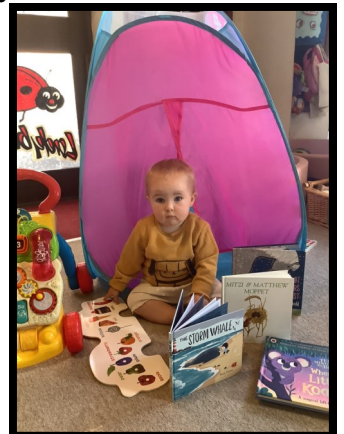


Thank you to Elsie

We would like to thank Elsie's family for very kindly donating these wonderful resources to us.

This was very kind of you to think of us and these resources will be very useful.

Thank you so much.



New Boiler Fitted in Big Squirrels

At Countryside we are always looking to re-invest to provide a better environment for the children and here in Big Squirrels it was time for a whole new boiler and a re-fit of new safety radiators.

Thank you to Heating Maintenance Services from Malvern for completing this work over an extensive 4 days. I was very grateful to them as they worked around us with dates enabling us to ensure that the Big Squirrel room was empty, safe and children free to complete this rather large job.

Let's hope when the cold winter comes our new boiler will work a treat!!!



Big Squirrels trip to Cheltenham Race Course

We were very excited to be invited on a visit to the Cheltenham racecourse, well I think Grace was the most excited!

We were welcomed by Dylan's Mummy who showed us all around, we had so much fun exploring where the horses and Jockeys go on race day, where the horses sleep.

We also got to have a ride on a pretend horse while wearing our silks, then headed down to the track for a race over the finish line. Grace even held the Cheltenham Gold Cup- what a treat!!!

Thank you to Dylan's mummy for giving us all such a wonderful experience..



Magic Moments

Please let us know if your child has done something exciting at home and we will celebrate it here with a Wow Certificate! It is really wonderful to see our children taking steps forward in their learning and development and they also love sharing their certificates with their friends during Circle Time.

Ladybirds: Congratulations to **Gabriella**, **Emilia** and **Digby** for sleeping on a mat at Nursery. Well done to **James** for doing so well with your weaning journey and trying a snail. Congratulations to **Gabriella** for practicing your counting. Well done to **Ava** for practicing your standing and walking. Congratulations to **James** for doing so well with your crawling. Congratulations to **Elsie J** and **Billie** for doing so well with your walking. Congratulations to **Elsa** for practicing your walking at home and at Nursery with the walker. Well done to **Gabriella** for using a spoon so well at mealtimes. Congratulations to **Finn** for doing fantastic sitting up. Well done to **Chloe** for being so happy at Nursery and doing great singing. Congratulations to **Elsa** for falling asleep without your dummy. Well done to **Digby** for trying fruit at home. Also a big congratulations to **Billie** for being such a super big sister.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Peter** for having the confidence to say lots of new words, well done! Also a big congratulations to **Wilf** for being such a super big brother. Congratulations to **Astrid** and **Seb** for doing so well wearing pants.

Little Squirrels: Congratulations to **Aura** for getting your teeth checked by the Dentist for the first time, working hard at reading and reading your first word and being confident using the toilet independently, well done **Aura**! Well done to **Sidney H** for doing so well wearing pants.

Big Squirrels:- Well done to **Bea** for getting ready for Nursery all by yourself, Well done! Also, a very big well done to **Santi** for settling into Pendock pre-school so well, riding a 2 wheel bike confidently and getting undressed and ready for bed independently- wow, that's all amazing, well done **Santi**, what a huge amount you have achieved.

Grandparents afternoon- Tuesday 23rd September 4-00pm-5-30pm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

On Tuesday 23rd September we would like to invite the grandparents/ relatives to see their children here at Nursery for some fun activities from 4-00-5-30pm and to enjoy some refreshments in the kitchen.. We are opening the Nursery up for the grandparents of the children who attend on that Tuesday afternoon and it would be lovely for you to see your children here at the setting. We will also be raising funds for the Macmillan Cancer support, so if you would like to donate on the day, please feel free. However, above all, we would like to share with you the activities which your children enjoy here at the setting.

Please email me at info@countrysidedaynursery.co.uk if you would like to book places for your child's grandparents/ relatives to attend and I will make sure the place is booked for them. Please do advise if any of your relatives have mobility aids and then we will make sure that we have the rooms set up to facilitate these. Many thanks as always- Grace



Hedgehog Parent days

This month will be Hedgehog Parent Days. If you would like to discuss with your key person to see how they are getting along, please email me at info@countrysidedaynursery.co.uk and I will ask your child's key worker to arrange a telephone consultation with you.

Alternatively, please message the Hedgehog staff through Tapestry and they will then arrange a convenient time with you via this method.