



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter April 2025

Shrove Tuesday Celebrations

On Tuesday 4th March we celebrated Pancake Day at Countryside with a wide range of activities. As you can see from the Photographs the children had lots of fun.



World Book Day

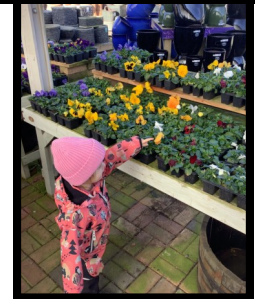
It was World Book Day on the Thursday 6th March and it was astonishing to see so many children dressed up—we would like to say a massive thank you to all parents for working so hard to create some really wonderful costumes! The staff team dressed up too. We had a wonderful day of sharing stories and looking at books—what a special day this always is each year.

Please see our lovely pictures.



Little Squirrels Trip

On Tuesday 4th March Little Squirrels went on a trip to Roses Garden Centre to look at plants and flowers following on from our theme this week "How we grow".



Hedgehogs Trip to Soft Play

On Friday 21st March Hedgehogs went to Roses Country Fayre garden centre to play on the soft play.

The children were excited to go on the minibus and observe their surroundings. The lambs and sheep in the fields were the highlight of the trip and also the "bumpy bus" ride through the countryside



Mummies Afternoon

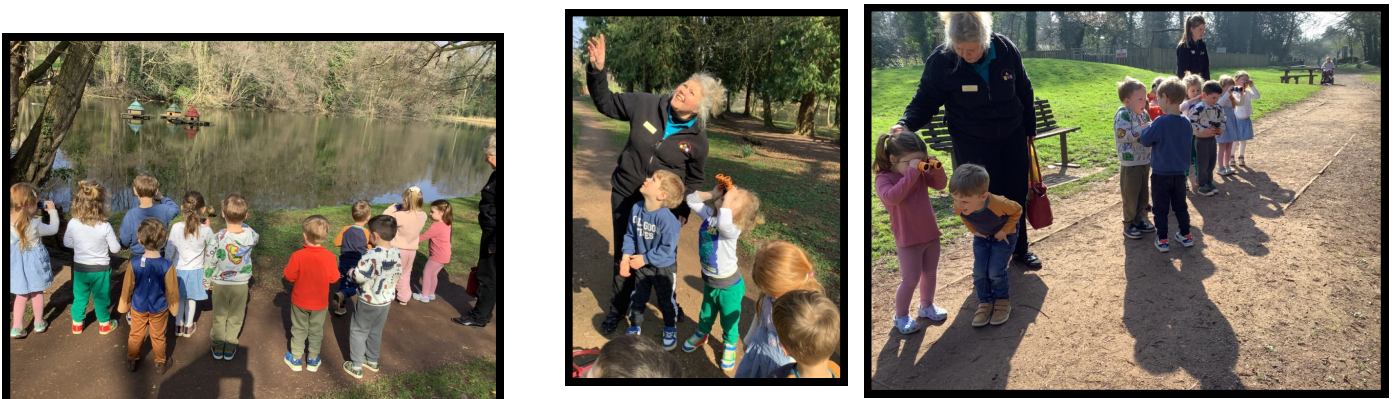
On Friday 28th March we welcomed our Mummies, Grannies and Aunties into Nursery to enjoy a session completing activities with their children.

As you can see from the photographs this was a very enjoyable afternoon.



Big Squirrels trip to Newent Lake

On Monday 24th March Big Squirrels went on a trip to Newent Lake. We took our binoculars to look for birds and wildlife around the lake.



Ladybirds Learning Activities in March 2025



Showing curiosity with the colour sorting toys.



Exploring the busy board.



Enjoying the sensory toys.



Exploring the mark making tools.



What can I see!



Fascinated with the ICT toys.



Having fun n the outside play kitchen.



Scooping and pouring.



Mark making together.



Fascinated with the Shakey Egg.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in March 2025



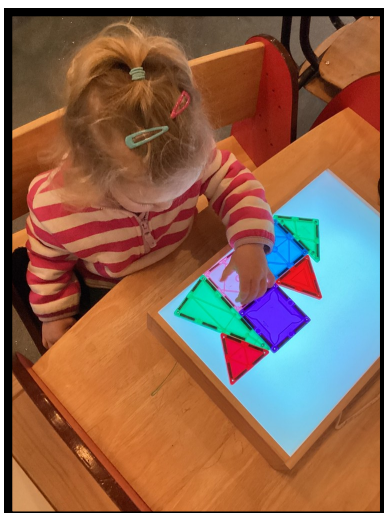
Sharing Tapestry news.



Exploring the Gruffalo sensory tray.



Enjoying a morning walk in the meadow.



Exploring the shapes with the light box.



Fun on trikes.



Building towers.



Slide fun time.



Enjoying book.



Playing along side each other in the large sand tray.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in March 2025



Waterplay in the sun shine.



Creating structures together.



Elephant sensory tray fun.



Little Squirrels race track.



Creating a rainbow.



Decorating St. Patrick Day biscuits.



Exploring mixing colours together.



Busy constructing.



Looking for bugs.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in March 2025



Planting our Runner Beans.



Fantastic balancing skills.



Creating textured pictures.



Singing along to our favourite songs.



Fun with colours.



Bike week fun!



Dance session with Immy.



Getting creative with our recycling.



Completing puzzles.



Playing together with the small world toys.



Enjoying a picnic tea.

Making sandwiches.



Thank you to.....

Isabella's Family

Thank you to Isabella's family for very kindly donating these resources.

This was very kind of you to think of us.

Thank you so much.



Finley's Family

Thank you to Finley's family for very kindly donating two Wii games.

This was so kind and I am sure the Big Squirrels children will have lots of fun with these.

Thank you for thinking of us.



Garden Freshen Up

We would like to thank Gary and his team from B & B services Ltd for giving the garden wood work a fresh coat of paint and also for continuing to maintain our outside area for the children to enjoy.

As you can see they were hard at work and the outside area has a fresh new look for the spring.



Parents First Aid Training



On Thursday 22nd May 2025 I have organised a free first aid refresher evening for parents. The session will begin at 7pm and we will aim to finish at around 8pm (depending on questions). The evening is an information evening where the trainer will be demonstrating the basics of first aid and how to save a child's life. This is not a certificated course, but if after the evening you would like to attend further training, I am sure that the company can signpost you to their training courses.

For me, I have organised this evening to raise awareness for anybody looking after young children. The first aid will be based on procedures for young babies and young children (not adults). We are also opening this session up to grandparents or any other relatives who look after your children. This would be an ideal session for people

who would just not know what to do in case of an emergency but would feel more confident if they had the basics of first aid. Therefore, if you would like to attend, please could you email me and I will make sure I book the places for you.

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 **Logan** for starting to crawl. Well done to **Xander** for standing more and moving independently. Congratulations to **Theo** for feeding yourself with a spoon with a little support. Well done **Darcie** for doing so well without your comforter. Congratulations to **Digby** for being such a busy baby on holiday, well done **Digby**.

Hedgehogs: Congratulations to **Wilfred C, Hanna, Angus** and **Felix** for all doing so well using the potty. Well done to **Hazel** for sharing and turn taking with your sister at home.

Little Squirrels: Well done to **Henry C** for riding your two wheeled bike all by yourself. Congratulations to **Aura** for being confident on a scooter and balance bike. Well done to **Arlo** for being brave at the dentist. Congratulations to **Henry C** and **Aura** for being brave having your pre-school vaccinations. Well done to **Sidney M** for doing so well using the potty.

Big Squirrels: Well done **Bea** for putting on your pajamas by yourself and being dry at night. Congratulations to **George** for completing your sticker chart for getting dressed all by yourself.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Dates for your diary

Just a quick summary of some important dates for your diaries with more details to follow:-

Wednesday April 16th- School allocation Day for pre-school children. As soon as you know your school please inform **Grace/Laura** and we will then begin to invite Reception teachers to Countryside.

Monday 5th May- Nursery Closed- Bank Holiday

Thursday 22nd May-Parents First Aid Training 7-8pm

Monday 26th May- Nursery Closed-Bank Holiday

Tuesday 10th June- 4.00-5.30 pm Open afternoon for Dad's whose child attends on this day

Tuesday 8th July- Hedgehogs Sports Day 10-30-12-30

Wednesday 9th July- Little Squirrels Sports Day 10.00- 12.00

Wednesday 9th July-Big Squirrels Sports day starts at 1-30 with leavers ceremony starts at 4-00pm

Hedgehog Parent Day

For this month it is the opportunity for the Hedgehogs to run their parents days.

Therefore, if any parents would like to speak with their child's key person about their child's progress, please either message us on Tapestry or via email and we will arrange a suitable date/time for you to either meet in person with us, or alternatively complete a telephone call.