



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter May 2025

Easter Celebrations at Countryside

We had a fun packed week at Countryside with a variety of Easter themed activities, we even had a visit from the Easter Bunny too!



Staff First aid refresher evening

On 13th May we held a refresher First Aid training for our staff. Even though our training last three years, I always organise an annual refresher training for staff just to remind all staff of the procedures of paediatric first aid.

Thank you to my fantastic staff team for staying on later after work to complete this training.



Ladybirds Learning Activities in April 2025



Exploring the musical instruments.



Soft play fun.



Having fun with the small world activity.



Showing curiosity with the ICT toys.



Exploring the paint.



Sand tray fun.



Enjoying playing on the rocker in the garden.



Balls and tubes.



Exploring the sensory tray.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in April 2025



Enjoying a story in the fresh air.



Having fun in the tunnel.



Practising our climbing.



Making patterns with stickers.



Fun with mark making together.



Sand tray fun outside.



Visiting the Nursery Chickens.



Having fun exploring the Sensory tray together.



Tiddler came to say hello.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in April 2025



Water tray fun in the sun.



Creating flower pictures.



Completing a science experiment.



Enjoying a Teddy Bears Picnic.



Concentrating really hard playing "Buzz the Wire".



Getting creative with the dough and buttons.



Visiting the Chicks.



Car wash sensory tray fun.



Sharing Tapestry news from home.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in April 2025



Pond dipping.



Creating our life cycle colourings.



Water tray fun.



Enjoying a picnic tea.



Creating Butterfly pictures.



Saying hello to the chicks.



Using the nets to see what's in the water tray.



Practising our cutting skills.



Completing the egg challenge.



Creating potions.

Living Eggs Arrive

Every year we invest and purchase the "Living Eggs Programme"

This is a specially designed programme for Early Years settings and schools where eggs are delivered to us and they are guaranteed to hatch within a few days.

The eggs arrived on Monday 7th April and by Wednesday 9th the children were actually watching them hatch.

We had 10 eggs and a total of 9 chicks hatched. We learnt how to tell the difference between boys and girls, so we have 5 girls and 4 boys.

The chicks are now growing well and we have now housed them in a chick house outside the Big Squirrel's door for all the children to enjoy and watch.



Dates for your Diary

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

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

Christmas Closing Dates

Dates for Christmas Break 2025

Friday 19th December 2025-Nursery closes @ 6pm

Monday 5th January 2026-Nursery re-opens @ 8am

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 **Zach** for settling in so well into Ladybirds. Well done to **Ava** for waving and clapping. Congratulations to **Xander** for doing so well with your walking. Well done to **Alba** and **Gabriella** for coming into Nursery happily. Congratulations to **Elsa** for sleeping on a mat after lunch. Well done to **Zach** for walking dependently for a few steps. Congratulations to **Billie** for sleeping in a cot. Well done to **Ava** for starting to crawl and Congratulations to **Elsie V** for settling so well into Ladybirds.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Florence** for sleeping in a big girls bed. Congratulations to **Darcie**, **Lottie** and **Elana** for all settling so well in Hedgehogs and well done to **Felix** for sleeping in a big boys bed.

Little Squirrels: Well done to **Edison** for being brave at the dentist and congratulations to **Henry W** for doing so well wearing pants.

Big Squirrels: Well done to **Molly** and **Oliver** for riding two wheeled bike without stabilisers. Congratulations to **Finley** for using fine motor skills to complete the Cheerio Challenge. Also a very well done to **Henry** for looking after his chickens so well at home. Well done also to **Fillur** for being such a good helper at home for Mummy and Daddy. We are so proud of you all. Well done to **Tabitha** for getting dressed all by yourself. Also, a huge well done to **Josephine** for climbing to the top of your climbing frame at home- that is amazing, you are growing so tall now.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Thank you to Edison

Thank you to Edison's family for very kindly donating a sensory chair for Little Squirrels Sensory Area.

This was very kind of you to think of us and the Little Squirrels have had lots of fun exploring this new resource.

Thank you so much.



Thank you to Roseanna

Thank you so much to Roseanna for being very thoughtful and kind and bringing in her Little Umbrella to give to the younger children at Nursery to play with. That was very kind of you, thank you Roseanna

