



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter July 2026

Daddies Afternoon

On Tuesday 16th June we welcomed our Daddies , Granddad's and Uncles into Countryside Day Nursery for a Daddies afternoon..

We had a range of activities on offer in the rooms , a Merry-go-round in the field and Hot dogs were served in the kitchen.

I would like to thank all our Dads , Granddads and Uncles so much for joining in with this event. The children were so excited that they were coming into play, they just couldn't wait. Thank you so much for giving up your valuable time and for making your child's day a very special and memorable day.



Ladybirds Learning Activities in June 2026



Mark Making.



Having fun in the tunnel.



Exploring the spinners.



Using pots to scoop and pour the lentils.



Having fun in the Sensory water



Stacking the sensory rings.



Creating some colourful pictures.



Splashing in the waterplay on a hot day.



Exploring the pop up toys.



Enjoying a story time.



Discovering our reflection.



Build-
ing
towers.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in June 2026



Using different tools with the play dough.



Washing the vehicles using brushes.



Having a tea party.



Enjoying singing some favourite songs at circle time.



Sensory circle time.



Creating marks with the drawing boards.



A tortoise came to visit us.



Practising our races for Sports Day.



Exploring the Ice Sensory tray.



Keeping cool with water play on a sunny day.



Lots of sticky glue to create our pictures.



Mark making on the Aqua Mat.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in June 2026



Enjoying the racing car sensory tray.



Looking at a book together.



Creating Turtle Key Rings.



Practicing our cutting skills.



Colouring in our Robot masks.



Letter printing.



Practising our pen control.



Painting our Tractor pictures.



Practising our Sports Day Races.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in June 2026



Building structures.



Our wonderful flower arrangements.



Completing a puzzle together.



Painting Laura.



Mixing up some potions.



Under water themed sensory tray.



Grace in her wedding dress.



Music Melody time.



Enjoying a Picnic snack.



Sand art woodland creatures.



Creating our Butterfly pictures.

Big Squirrels trip to Staverton Airport

On Tuesday 2nd June in the morning Big Squirrels went to Staverton Airport to watch the planes fly above them, they also watched the Helicopters taking off.

The children all enjoyed eating their snack outside whilst at the airport watching the aircraft.



Frozen Day

Thursday 4th June Big Squirrels enjoyed a Frozen Day. They had a Frozen themed party run by a very special visitor, the real life Elsa!

What a wonderful morning the children had.



Big Squirrels Trip to Fast Food Restaurant

On Friday 5th June Big Squirrels went on the Nursery mini bus to a fast food restaurant for their lunch.. As they had been looking at the letter "F".

The children enjoyed eating some fish fingers, french fries and an ice cream.



BBQ in the Meadow

.On the 29th May for a special treat Big Squirrels enjoyed a BBQ in the Meadow as the children had been looking at the letter "B".

Grace highlighted the importance of safety.

Our burgers were all delicious and super tasty.



Big Squirrels trip to Hartpury College

On Tuesday 9th June in the afternoon the Big Squirrels children went on the Nursery mini bus to Hartpury College.

The children enjoyed a wonderful trip to explore the world of horses! With Rory's Mummy as our guide we spotted so many objects beginning with Hh.

We spotted a horse box, saw lots of horses and ponies, where they sleep in their stables and how to care for them and the equips used.

We also had an extra surprise to see the dogs in the hydrotherapy pool!



Grace's Birthday Celebrations

On Friday 26th June we all celebrated Grace's Birthday at Nursery. The children had all helped to create a special Birthday and Grace enjoyed a present hunt throughout the Nursery.

As the weather was so warm Grace joined the children in the paddling pool and they all had a splashing good time!



Big and Little Squirrels trip to Hoppity Poppets



On Wednesday 10th June Big and Little Squirrels went on the Nursery Minibus to Hoppity Poppets.

Whilst there the children enjoyed exploring all the different areas, played on the vehicles and explored the sand and water.

What an amazing trip it was, all the children had such a fantastic time.



Nikki's Charity Swim



Our very "Brave and courageous" Nikki in Hedgehog Room is taking on a charity 24 hour swim for Level water.

Nikki is going to complete this challenge in August. I can't fit all of the information into this newsletter, so I have added further info onto the generated email to all our parents. But Good Luck Nikki xxx

Story time with Miss Hindle

On Wednesday 10th June Miss Hindle the Head teacher from Eldersfield School came to Countryside to read the Big Squirrels children a story.



Water Play Fun at Countryside

During w/c 22nd June the children at Nursery had the most amazing time with our water activities at Nursery. Thank you to all our parents who brought in swimsuits and towels from home and we always have plenty of spares at Nursery for all children. We had the most wonderful time and even as a special surprise Grace got in the water too on the final day, Friday, which caused great fun and laughter!!!



Thank you to.....

Thank you Darcie

We would like to thank Darcie's family for very kindly bringing in her Tortoise "Tequilla" for the children to see. The children were looking at the letter "T".

The Little Squirrels enjoyed petting the Tortoise and they could stroke and feel how hard her shell was too.

Thank you so much for giving the children this wonderful opportunity.



Thank you to Rory

We would like to thank Rory's family for very kindly donating this wonderful collection of books to us.

This was very thoughtful, and the children will have so much pleasure looking at these books.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.



Thank you to Elsie

We would like to thank Elsie's family for very kindly donating this amazing selection of resources for the younger children at Nursery.

This was so very kind of you and the children will certainly enjoy exploring these.

Thank you so much.



Thank you to.....

Thank you B&B

We are always looking to improve our environment here at Countryside and we would like to thank B and B services for coming to complete some painting and decorating of our outside areas. We are always grateful to our regular maintenance people as with any building maintenance and upkeep are so important.



Thank you to Isabella

We would like to thank Isabella's family for very kindly donating this lovely rocker for the younger children to enjoy at Nursery.

This was so kind of you to think of us and the children will have so much fun playing on this.

Thank you so much.



Thank you to Angus

We would like to thank Angus's family for very kindly donating this section of wonderful resources to us.

This was very generous of you and the children with certainly enjoy exploring these lovely new resources.

Thank you so much.



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 **James** for sleeping so well without a dummy. Well done to **Eva** and **Heidi** for sitting so nicely at the table. Congratulations to **Eva** and **Finn** for showing wonderful manners. Well done to **Lenny** for settling into Nursery so well. Congratulations to **Theo** for using and learning lots of new words.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Elana, Elsie J, Ivy, Sandy, Callie, Finley** and **Peter** for all doing so well wearing pants. Congratulations to **Elana** for being so brave at the Dentist. Well done to **Emilia** for sleeping in a big girl's bed.

Little Squirrels: Congratulations to **Isabella** for sleeping in a big girl's bed and **Cianan** for sleeping in a big boy's bed.

Big Squirrels: Well done to **Mabel Y** for achieving your level 1 and 2 swimming awards.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Music Session with Melody Makers

On Monday 15th and 22nd June all the Nursery children enjoyed a fabulous Music Session with Catherine from Melody Makers.

The children had a wonderful time singing songs and exploring the different instruments and props.



Big Squirrels Reports

This month its the time for Big Squirrels Transition Reports to go to school. Grace and Laura have been writing the reports and when your child leaves Big Squirrel Room then these reports will be sent home to be then taken to school in September. We have been continuously contacting the local schools and we have had an excellent response with many reception teachers meeting up with us via the telephone, zoom or actually visiting the Nursery and meeting the children in the Big Squirrels Class. I have been very pleased with these responses as the conversations which we have held, all help to support a smooth transition from Nursery to school in September 2026.

Please can all parents make sure that you sign these transition reports and that you then deliver them to school. Thank you.

September 2026 information evening

On Wednesday 9th September at 7-00pm- 8-00pm Grace, Laura and Kath (Big Squirrels) would like to invite all of the 2027 school cohort children's parents/ carers to Nursery to have an informative evening discussing what we are going to complete in Big Squirrels for the forthcoming academic year and how we are going to prepare your child for school

We will also be talking about school applications and we will have a power point offering information to parents about this process.

We will also be showing you, how we use the "ready for school learning programme" which is a great programme to support each child in Big Squirrels

We would encourage as many parents as possible as we always say in Big Squirrels, the more you work with us during this final year, the more prepared your child will be for school. This really does make a massive difference to help consolidate your child's learning and set them up to be confident happy active life long learners- exciting times ahead!!

Therefore, if you would like to attend this evening, please email Grace at info@countrysidedaynursery.co.uk and then Grace will book you places for the evening.

Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 7th July- Little Squirrels Sports Day 10-30am-12-30pm

Wednesday 8th July- Hedgehogs Sports Day 10.00am- 12.00pm

Wednesday 8th July-Big Squirrels Sports day starts at 1-30pm with leaver ceremony starts at 4-00pm

Christmas Closing Dates

Dates for Christmas Break 2026

Tuesday 22nd December 2026-Nursery closes @ 6pm

Monday 4th January 2027-Nursery re-opens @ 8am