



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter June 2026

Staff First Aid Evening

We would like to thank Gareth from GDR Solutions for delivering a First Aid refresher course for our staff after Nursery closed. On Tuesday 14th May, even though our training lasts three years, I always organise an annual refresher 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.



Parents First Aid Evening

On Thursday 21st May Gareth from GDR Solutions gave a very informative evening to our parents about the basics of first aid. We all began by introducing ourselves and then we gave our own first aid experiences. Gareth then gave us some useful information about how to save a life, along with other first aid procedures, such as choking, dog bites and calling ambulances to name but a few topics which we covered. It was so useful to learn some top tips and thank you so much to all of our parents who supported this evening, I was very grateful.



Little Squirrels trip to Newent Lake

On Wednesday 6th May Little squirrels morning activity was a trip on the Nursery Minibus to have a walk around Newent Lake looking for Ducks.

On their walk they came across the outdoor gym which they had fun having a go on.

Then to finish their trip they enjoyed a picnic lunch from the local fish and chip shop.



Story Time with Our Nannies

For our Letter N week, we invited our Nannies to come in and read a story to our Big Squirrel friends. On Tuesday 5th May Bianca's Nanny came to read a story for us all. Then Big Squirrels were lucky enough to have another treat as on Thursday 7th May Penelope's and Mabel's Nannies came to read a story to all the children too.

Thank you so much to the Nannies, we all really enjoyed you coming into Nursery, what a lovely treat for us all!



Ladybirds Learning Activities in May 2026



Enjoying having a go on the slide.



Football fun.



Having fun with the ball click clack.



Using the Toot Toot vehicles to create tracks in the foam.



Creating Magical Princess Pictures.



Exploring mark making with the dabbers.



Cooking up some tasty treats together in the play kitchen.



Using our hands and rollers to explore the play dough.



Keeping cool with water play in the garden.

Enjoying a book.



Hedgehogs Learning Activities in May 2026



Mark making with brushes and water.



Using the large mosaics to create pictures.



Practising climbing.



Having fun on the climbing tree together.



Building towers with the small wooden blocks.



Filling and emptying pots with lentils.



Listening to the story "Sharing the Shell".



Exploring the gloop with our hands.



Saying hello to Lady Baa Baa.



Exploring the musical instruments.



Mark making on our Safari themed colouring sheets.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in May 2026



Lots of fun in the large sand tray.



Colouring our animal face masks.



Exploring the Safari Sensory tray.



Listening very carefully to instructions for our adult led activity.



Having fun with the Crazy Bubbles.



Creating our own cat mosaics.



Colouring in our Letter N pictures.



Enjoying the Monkey sensory tray together.



Mark making with the large chalks.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in May 2026



Using the Pipettes with paint.



Walking the plank for Pi-rate Day.



We made our own pizzas.



Creating our gliders.



Making a sticky Gorilla Decoration.



Mixing colours using lots of paint using our hands.



We made some colourful sparkly crowns.



Letter Lock challenge.



Water play in the garden.



Watering our plants.



Enjoying a BBQ in the meadow.

Big Squirrels Trip to Prescott



On Thursday 7th May the Big Squirrels were kindly invited to go on a trip to Prescott. As they had been looking at the letter "P", so we had a picnic at Prescott. They had such a fun time as they were able to travel around the race track on the Nursery Minibus, walk some of the track and at the end enjoyed a delicious picnic tea.



Trip to Newent Library

On Friday 8th May the Big Squirrels children went on the Nursery minibus to Newent Library as our adult led activity was to look for books with the letter N.

We were lucky enough to have a the story "Natterjack Toad" read to us by the Librarian too. Thank you so much to Newent Library for inviting us along, we love our trips to the Library.



Little Squirrels Trip to the Garden Centre



On Tuesday 19th May Little Squirrels morning activity was a trip to the Garden centre with Grace on the Nursery Mini bus.



We had a go at feeding the fish, we found some Gardening Gloves and had a look at all the different plants. And we purchased some Windmills for our outside play area.



Big Squirrels Trip to Sherdons Golf Centre



On Tuesday 12th May in the afternoon Big Squirrels went on a trip to Sherdons Golf Centre to play a game of crazy golf as they had been looking at the letter "G".

The Big Squirrels children had so much fun and some of them even got a hole in one! Well done Big Squirrels.



Big and Little Squirrels trip to Little Olive's Play Café

On the Morning of Monday 11th May, Big and Little Squirrels went on a trip to Little Olive's Play Café in Malvern. We hired the whole centre so it was just for ourselves- it was lovely. The children had lots of fun exploring the different options of toys, we had lots of fun climbing, playing on the slide and we also loved the sensory lamp.



Doreen's Retirement Afternoon Tea Party

On Wednesday 27th May we all gathered to say farewell to Doreen as she retired from Nursery. We had the most wonderful afternoon. We invited some of Doreen's favourite friends who the Nursery also knew too. We said some speeches, the children from each room had made farewell cards, which they kindly gave and then as a staff team we had a collection where we presented Doreen with her very own "pink" mechanical drill (which she wanted) and a voucher for a meal at Trioscape. The magician even came and completed a magic show where Doreen was an excellent participant- well done Doreen. It was a lovely afternoon and I would like to thank Doreen and Doreen's family for helping me plan this special afternoon. We all wish Doreen a very happy and healthy retirement. xxx



Thank you to Erin

We would like to thank Erin's family for very kindly donating these clothes for the younger children to use as spares.



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

Thank you so much.

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

This was very kind and the children are enjoying these new resources.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.



Thank you to Penelope

We would like to thank Penelope's family for very kindly donating these clothes for the younger children to use as spares.

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

Thank you so much for thinking of us.



Thank you to Rory

Thank you also to Rory's family who have **very** kindly donating this bike for the younger children to enjoy at Nursery.

This was very kind and the children are going to have lots of fun riding on this.

Thank you so much.



Little Squirrels Parent Days

This month will be Little Squirrels 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 Little Squirrels staff through Tapestry and they will then arrange a convenient time with you via this method.

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: Well done to **Ollie** for doing so well with your walking.

Hedgehogs: A huge well done to **Elana, Theo and Ivy** for all doing so well using the potty. Congratulations to **Xander** for sleeping in a big boys bed. Well done to **Gabriella** for doing so well in big girl pants. Congratulations to **Callie** for becoming an amazing big sister. Well done to **Vienna** for doing so well wearing pants.

Little Squirrels: Well done to **Fred** for doing so well wearing pants.

Thank you to Matt Hale

We would like to thank Matt Hale and his team for coming again, in the hottest week of the year to trim all of our hedges. For some reason, every year, Matt and his team always choose the week when there is a heatwave, so I know it was hot, but I am very grateful to Matt's team for doing such an excellent job. Thank you once again.



Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 16th June- 4.00-5.00 pm Open afternoon for Dad's whose child attends on this day

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 leavers 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