



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter May 2026

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!



Don't forget.....Parent's first aid refresher evening

Just a reminder on Thursday 21st May 2026 I have organised a free first aid refresher evening for parents. The session will begin at 6.15pm and we will aim to finish at around 7.30pm (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.

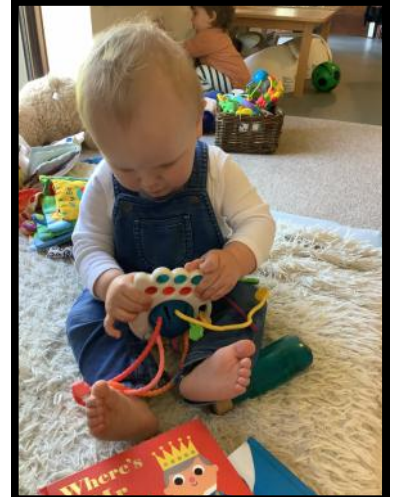
Ladybirds Learning Activities in April 2026



Having fun in the tunnel.



Painting with Carrots and Potatoes.



Exploring the sensory toys.



Enjoying playing with the vehicles outside.



Creating our Lion Pictures.



Exploring the insect and bugs sensory tray.



Bubble time.



Exploring the Busy Board.

Making patterns in the playdough



Saying hello to Lady BaaBaa



Having fun with the dressing up hats.



Get ready for fun in the shaving foam!!!

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in April 2026



Having fun on the slide.



Enjoying a book together.



Large Marble Run fun.



Using the Diggers to scoop up the sand.



Building towers with the magnetic blocks.



Singing some favourite songs.



Having fun mark making.



Playing with Lady Baabaa.



Keeping cool with water play.



Fun time in the boat.



Creating Pictures with the mosaics.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in April 2026



Caring for our flowers.



Chopping our Strawberries to make smoothies.



Creating some Easter Crafts.



Creating our Foam Fish.



Waterplay fun in the sun.



Using the magnifying glasses to look for insects and bugs.



Practicing wiping our faces.



Enjoying the five little ducks sensory tray.



Having a go on Big Squirrels Trim Trail.



Saying hello to the Nursery Chicks.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in April 2026



Water play fun in the sun.



Practicing our balancing skills on the Trim Trail.



Creating and mixing potions.



Climbing tree fun.



Creating our Miniature Gardens.



Completing M pencil control activity.



Going on a Spring Scavenger Hunt.



Drawing our Daddies.



Using our cutting skills to chop the mushrooms.



Marble painting.



Enjoying a Teddy Bears Picnic in the sunshine..

Having fun with a music and movement session.



Practicing using our scissors to make snakes.

Big Squirrels trip to Redmarley Play Park

On 13th April Big Squirrels have been looking at the letter "A", so in the afternoon they went on a trip to Redmarley park to be Active, Adventurer's. We saw some amazing adventurous skills, well done Big Squirrels



Visit from Mr Marvellous the Magician

On the 16th April Big and Little Squirrels watch a wonderful magic show by Mr Marvellous.

Mr Marvellous showed the children lots of magic tricks and at the end of his show they all met Mr Marvellous' bunny rabbit Benjy.



Big and Little Squirrels Trip to Supastrikers

On the 20th April in the afternoon Big and Little Squirrels went to supastrikers and had the most amazing fun session, we learnt lots of s words, stand, strike, step, sea, sand, space, seaside, what fun we had. Thanks so much to Chris for organising this for us.



Little Squirrels Trip to Over Farm

On the 21st April Little Squirrels went to Over Farm Shop to see what vegetables and fruits we could find following on from looking at foods that are healthy. Grace brought two big tomatoes and we even got to see how orange juice is made we brought some back to taste it at nursery- it was so delicious!



Disco Dancing Class with Kath

On 23rd April in the afternoon Big Squirrels adult led activity was to do some disco dancing outside.

The children learnt lots of different moves to the music. The song they danced to was called 'Daddy Cool'.

Kath then asked the children to make up their own dance moves to show to all their friends

They all had great fun, well done you delightful dancers!.



Big and Little Squirrels trip to the Bakery

On 24th April Big and Little Squirrels went on the Nursery minibus to the local bakery as the children have been looking at the letter D, they saw Ducks, a Donkey and bought a Doughnut for Daddy. What a great way to consolidate our learning of the letter D.



Big Squirrels Trip to AirHop Adventure and Trampoline Park



On Monday 27th April Big Squirrels were super excited to go on a trip to AirHop Adventure and Trampoline Park.

They all had so much fun exploring and challenging themselves to 'have a go', well done Big Squirrels.



Big Squirrels trip to Tewkesbury

The children have been looking at the letter 'T', so on Tuesday 28th in the morning the Big Squirrels enjoyed a windy walk walking in two's along the Towpath in Tewkesbury, as it was a bit chilly they decided to have their snack at Nursery before the left which was toast and Tyrell crisps.- what a fun time we all had



Taekwondo Session

On Tuesday 28th in the afternoon we enjoyed a Taekwondo Session run by Grandmaster Kalcutt.

We were very lucky as the Corse & Staunton School of Taekwondo came to deliver a session especially for Big Squirrels at Nursery. We were looking at the letter T, so this was perfect for our reinforcement of the letter name.

We learnt some new moves and disciplines and whilst some of our Big Squirrel friends had never seen this type of activity before, and were a little dubious, the other friends greatly enjoyed this and who knows, they could be the nextblack belts!!!

What a great experience this was for our children- than you to the Corse & Staunton School of Taekwondo.



Big Squirrels trip to the Toby Carvery

On Wednesday 29th Big Squirrels we were looking at the letter T again, so off we went to "Toby Carvery" for lunch.

I felt so super proud of the children. They were so well behaved and to take a group of children to a restaurant, to ask them to queue and then carry their own plates back to our table, was quite a high expectation, but they did not disappoint. In fact, we had several compliments from some of the elderly customers who were also eating in the restaurant- well done Big Squirrels!!!



Thank you to Erin

We would like to thank Erin's family for this lovely donation of a dressing up dress for the younger children to enjoy throughout the Nursery.



I am sure the children will enjoy this new resource as dressing up is always popular with the children.

Thank you so much for thinking of us.

Toilet Training

We have received information from our local Health visiting team and they have asked me to share this with our parents.

As part of the Health Visiting Service's ongoing commitment to supporting families in the community, they are reaching out to offer any additional support parents may require with the process of toilet training your child.

I have attached a flyer with the newsletter, which they have forwarded to me, for further information. The Health Visiting Team is available to support parents along their child's toilet training journey and it is important not to delay in seeking support from the team if your child is due to commence school this September.

To find your local health visiting team please visit their website - <https://www.ghc.nhs.uk/our-teams-and-services/children-and-young-people/physical-health/health-visiting/>

Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 4th May- Nursery Closed- Bank Holiday

Thursday 21st May-Parents First Aid Training 6.15-7.30pm

Monday 25th May- Nursery Closed-Bank Holiday

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

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 **Eva** and **Heidi** for sleeping so well on a mat at Nursery. Well done to **William** for eating and experimenting with more foods and Congratulations to **Noah** and **Theo** for settling into Ladybirds so well.

Hedgehogs: Well done to **Sebastian** and **Jesse** for settling so well into Hedgehogs. Congratulations to **Xander**, **Callie** and **Zachary** for doing so well using the potty. Well done to **Gabriella** and **Elsie**. **J** for both doing so well without your dummies. Congratulations to **Gigi** for joining in with your friends play at Nursery. Well done to **Billie** and **Alba** for being so helpful at Nursery tidying up the toys. We are all so very proud of you all.

Little Squirrels: Well done to **Tomos** for being so caring when looking after Dingo the dog.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Little Squirrels Trip to Tewkesbury

On Tuesday 28th April in the afternoon Little Squirrels went on the Nursery minibus to Tewkesbury Nature Reserve to follow on their theme of everything about Nature. We had a wonderful time exploring and we loved crossing the wooden bridge, looking for Alex underneath!!!

