



Countryside Day Nursery Newsletter

September 2026

Smooth Transitions- from 1st September

It has been very reassuring to see that all the children are now beginning to settle in their new rooms. The children always amaze us at how well prepared they are for any changes which we make here at Countryside, they really are very resilient. Therefore we congratulate the children all as they settle into their new classes at Countryside.

I have also heard from many of the children who left for school this September and again this year, we are so pleased that for everyone we have spoken to, their children have settled in well and are very happy to be attending school. This is testimony that whilst here at Countryside we nurture children's curiosity and challenge their minds we also know that by attending the Nursery this prepares the children so well for the very important transition to school and to their journey of life and learning.

The government are investing heavily into Early Years with the increase of funding for our young children and it is therefore no surprise that they have completed huge amounts of research to evidence how beneficial the Early Years is for young children. However, after working in Early Years for over 30 years, I completely agree, you cannot give your child a better start in life than to offer them some type of Early Years experiences. I am so thrilled that the children here have the opportunity to have the "Countryside experience."

Thank you also to our Countryside's fabulous dedicated staff team. They all are an amazing bunch of staff to work with, for me it is a privilege and a pleasure to come to work every day with them- they are so motivated and always have the children's interests as top priority to ensure that we can deliver the absolute best practice. Thank you to you all xxx

The Chickens New Coop



During the afternoon of Tuesday 18th August we headed outside to watch Charlie the chicken man build our new chicken area. We spoke about how the fox had broken the old chicken coop and that our chicken will now be very safe in our new Coop.

We moved the chickens over and I am pleased to say they have settled well. The children really enjoy seeing them daily and collecting the eggs.

Hedgehog's New Garden Path



Before



Dave and his Digger arrive.



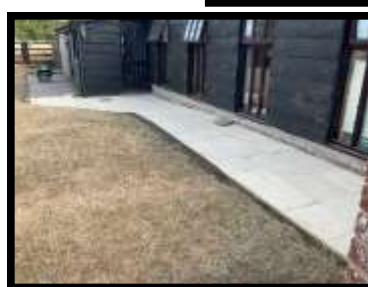
Day one.



Day Two



Day Three and Four



Day Five and Six



Finished

We would like to thank Cleeve Garden services for completing this work.

In November, we have booked Cleeve Garden services to completely re-vamp the Ladybird patio area as I know our safety surface is wearing away. We have booked to have new paving and a new safety surface.

I feel it is important to continuously re-invest in the Nursery- this will be a large financial commitment, but it will be worthwhile to improve the play area for the children to enjoy.

Ladybirds Learning Activities in August 2026



Creating some colourful pictures with the bingo dabbers.



Exploring the lentil sensory tray together.



Enjoying a book in the sunshine.



Playing with the Happy Land together.



Puppet show fun.



Exploring the colourful sensory pocket bags.



Music time.



Rice Sensory tray



Playing with the pop up toys.



Showing an interest in the peg board puzzle.



Tunnel fun.

Hedgehogs Learning Activities in August 2026



Parachute fun



Exploring the air dry clay and sprinkling glitter onto it.



Having fun with the playdough.



Enjoying a story in the free flow.



Discovering the Dinosaurs.



Keeping cool with water play.



Music and movement time.



Building towers.



Colouring our Disney Pictures.



Dressing up fun.

Little Squirrels Learning Activities in August 2026



Practicing painting in the lines.



Completing shape puzzles.



Creating stencil Kites.



Exploring the different marks and colours we could make.



Having fun on the Trim Trail.



Experiment time.



Farmyard sensory tray.



Using the Tweezers to pick up the Pom Poms.



Water play fun in the rain.

Big Squirrels Learning Activities in August 2026



Shaving foam sensory tray fun.



Playing the washing line activity game.



Exploring the kinetic sand with pots and spoons.



Dinosaur water tray fun.



Building Structures.



Explore the different marks and colours we could make.



Bubble fun.



Creating Dinosaur footprints.



Hula Hoop Fun



Exploring the Sensory Farm tray together.

Dates for your Diary

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

Information Evening for 2027 School Cohort Children's Parents/Carers
Wednesday 9th September 7-8pm

Macmillian Coffee Afternoon Thursday 24th September 4- 5pm
(for our Grandparents/ Elderly relatives of the children who attend that afternoon)

Christmas Closing Dates

Dates for Christmas Break 2026

Tuesday 22nd December 2026-Nursery closes @ 6pm
Monday 4th January 2027 -Nursery re - opens @ 8am

Thank you to Emilia

We would like to thank Emilia's family for very kindly donating some clothes to us to use for our spares.

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

Thank you so much for your kind donation.



Big Squirrels Trip To Roses Garden Centre

On Thursday 27th August to celebrate our last trip all together, we went to Rosie's Garden centre to play in the soft play, which was a lovely surprise!

We had a wonderful time playing all together and whizzing down the slides before we choose what we wanted for lunch from the menu.

Thank you Grace for arranging a wonderful last trip that we will all remember for many years to come alongside a lovely visit to the shop to select a special present .



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 **Ollie**, **Darcie** and **Theo** for all sleeping so well on a snooze mat. Well done to **Clemmie** and **Thomas** for settling into Nursery so well.

Little Squirrels: Congratulations to **Hazel** and **Emmeline** for being so brave having your immunizations. Well done to **Edith** and **Milo** for writing your own names.

Congratulations to all of you superstars!

Macmillan Coffee afternoon

On Thursday 24th September, we would like to invite the grandparents/ elderly relatives to see their children here at Nursery for some fun activities from 4-00-5-00pm and to enjoy some refreshments in the kitchen.. We are opening the Nursery up for the grandparents / elderly relatives of the children who attend on that Thursday afternoon and it would be lovely for you to see your children here at the setting. We will also be raising funds for the Macmillan Cancer support, so if you would like to donate on the day, please feel free. However, above all, we would like to share with you the activities which your children enjoy here at the setting.

Please email me at:

info@countrysidedaynursery.co.uk if you would like to book places for your child's grandparents/ relatives to attend and I will make sure the place is booked for them.

Please do advise if any of your relatives have mobility aids and then we will make sure that we have the rooms set up to facilitate these. Many thanks as always- Grace



Hedgehog Parent days

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