



Ladybird Monfessori Nursery



NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2026



Dear Parents and Grandparents,

We have had a wonderful first couple of weeks back, and everyone has settled in so well. A huge welcome to all our new friends.

A very big thank you for all the lovely chocolates, plants, candle, drinks, and vouchers that we teachers received at Christmas. They were very much appreciated.

Please note the following events in your diaries:

SPRING TERM

Half Term

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Easter Egg Hunts

Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March

End of Term

Friday 27th March at 12.30 pm

SUMMER TERM DATES

Start of Summer Term

Monday 13th April

Bank Holiday (Nursery Closed)

Monday 4th May

Half Term

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Sports Day

11.00 am on Monday 13th July

(All children are invited to Sports Day. Nursery closes at 12.00 pm after Sports Day for a staff meeting)

Last Day of Term and Pre-School Graduation

Friday 17th July

- 12.00 pm for our younger children
 - 12.30 pm for pre-schoolers
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CHINESE NEW YEAR – Year of the Dragon

During the week beginning Monday 9th February, we will be making Chinese hats and lanterns and enjoying food tasting using chopsticks.

On Friday 13th February, children attending this session may come to nursery dressed in red (the Chinese colour of celebration) or in a Chinese costume. Please place outdoor clothes in a spare bag or underneath costumes.

SHROVE TUESDAY

(As this falls during half term, we will celebrate on Tuesday, 10th February.)

We will be tossing pancakes and enjoying them at snack time.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Thursday 5th March

If your child is present on this day, they may come to nursery dressed as their favourite book character. Please also bring along their favourite book. We will be reading stories and drawing pictures throughout the day.

Please note: no superheroes or Disney characters (e.g. ninjas, Batman, princesses) as this can make play too rough or excitable over a long day.

Please ensure children have suitable clothes underneath their outfit or packed in a spare bag for outdoor play.

STAY AND PLAY

Parents and/or grandparents/carers are invited to a Stay and Play session on **Thursday 19th March from 8.45–9.30 am**. All children are welcome.

This will be an opportunity to chat with your child's key worker, share your child's early learning journal (scrapbook), and enjoy some playtime together at Ladybird.

PARENTS' EVENING

Wednesday 20th May

This is an opportunity to book an allocated time slot to speak with your child's key worker (timings to be confirmed). This session is for parents/carers only, not for children.

SHOW AND TELL

Show and Tell will now take place on Wednesdays.

We encourage children to talk about their chosen item, as this really helps build confidence. Suggestions include:

- Something related to our weekly topic
- Medals or trophies
- Photographs
- A favourite story

Please do not bring dolls, cars, or toys with no relevance.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

All nursery policies, procedures, and Early Years information can be found on our website. A list of termly activities and your child's key teacher is displayed on the notice board. Please take a moment to check both the notice board and the website.

WONDERFUL WORDS

We regularly introduce a "Wonderful Word" during circle time. Previous words have included *magical*, *spectacular*, and *precise*. We explore their meaning and pronunciation together.

If your child has a word they would like to teach their friends, please let me know.

RUGBYTOTS AND SPANISH

Both Rugbytots and Spanish sessions have started again this term. They bring great excitement to the children while helping them learn new skills through fun activities.

A FEW REMINDERS

- Please chop small sausages, grapes, and tomatoes in lunch boxes, as these are common choking hazards.
- Please ensure all clothing and water bottles are clearly named.
- If anyone has spare scrap paper, we would be very grateful — the children love mark-making and cutting activities.
- Remember, we have an open-door policy. Please feel free to speak to any of the teachers if you would like a chat.

Best wishes,
Beckie