

Summer Term at Poppins Day Nursery

It's hard to believe we are already in our Summer Term here at Poppins!

We have so many exciting things to look forward to...

Important Dates for your Diary (Summer Term)

- **Monday 4th May** – May Day Bank Holiday Nursery Closed
 - **Monday 25th May** – Bank Holiday Nursery Closed
 - **Friday 19th June** – Father's Day Stay and Play 2-3:30
 - **Sunday 21st June** – Father's Day
 - **Wednesday 25th June** – Sports Day
 - **Friday 10th July** – Teddy Bears Picnic Day
 - **Thursday 16th July** – Graduation Party
 - **Friday 17th July** – Summer Term Funding Finishes
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Exploring Our World: Festivals & Traditions

In our Early Years setting, we use celebrations to support **Understanding the World**. This term, we will be exploring:



○ **World Baking Day (Friday 8th May)** – The children will be getting the chance to create their own wonderful treats

○ **Photo Day (Tuesday 12th May)**
– Please remember to bring your smiles.





o **Father's Day (Sunday 21st June)** - The children will be using their Fine Motor Skills to create secret, handmade cards for the wonderful people who look after them.

o **Teddy Bear's Picnic (Friday 10th July)** – The children will be asked to bring in a teddy from home as we join together as a nursery in the garden to have a big Teddy Bear's Tea Party.



Polite reminder:



o **Car park** - The nursery car park is a bustling hub centre each morning and evening! Let's work together to ensure it is safe and efficient for everyone! Here are a few friendly reminders:

1. Park considerately: Leave enough space for others.
2. Stay mindful of little ones: They can be hard to spot.

3. Be patient: A little patience goes a long way.

Our goal is a smooth, stress-free drop-off and pick-up experience for all.

o **Teacher Visits:** We invite the local schools to visit Poppins to meet their new intake in their familiar environment. This also gives your child's key worker an opportunity to discuss their individual development and wellbeing.

Top Tips for Starting School:

- Involve your child in the process of buying uniform and other necessities for school.
- Encourage your child to dress and put on their shoes and coats independently.
- Encourage your child to manage their own personal hygiene after using the toilet such as teaching your child to wipe their own bottom and hand washing.

• Talk about starting school together BUT don't refer to it as starting 'BIG' school as this can prove intimidating. Instead use the schools name or refer to it by the colour of its uniform.

• Read books about starting school together. the following web links provide information and advice on developing the key skills your child needs to be school ready. Pacey – Steps to Starting School Poster <https://www.pacey.org.uk/Pacey/media/Website-files/PACEY%20general/Steps-to-starting-school.pdf> nurseryresources.org – School Readiness Poster



A Gentle Reminder: Outdoor Exploring:

At Poppins, we believe outdoor play is vital for **Physical Health** and builds essential gross motor skills through jumping, climbing, and running.

Now that the warmer weather is approaching can we please;

- **Provide suncream (Nut Free) with their name on it.**
- **Sun hats**
- **Change of clothes, due to lots of water play in the sun.**

Safeguarding: Keeping Our Children Safe

At Poppins Day Nursery, the safety and well-being of your children is our utmost priority. Following the updated 2025/26 EYFS statutory framework, we want to ensure all families know exactly who is responsible for safeguarding in our setting and how you can work with us.

1. Poppins Day Nursery - Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is a specially trained staff member responsible for managing safeguarding concerns and liaising with local authorities.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Zara Campbell

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Debbie Hughes

How to contact us: You can speak to us in person at drop-off/pick-up, call us on 01453 493443, or email info@thepoppinsdaynursery.co.uk

2. Why We Have a DSL

Our DSLs are here to:

Listen to Concerns: If you ever have a worry about a child's safety or well-being—whether at home, in the community, or within the setting—the DSL is your first point of contact.

Provide Support: Safeguarding is about more than just reporting concerns; it's about supporting families. We can signpost you to "Early Help" services, such as parenting support or local children's centre activities.

Lead Professional Standards: The DSL ensures all our staff renew their safeguarding training every two years (as per 2026 requirements) and follow strict "safer recruitment" and "safer eating" policies.

3. Working in Partnership: New 2026 Requirements

To help us meet our statutory duties this year, we kindly ask parents to:



Update Emergency Contacts: Please ensure we have at least two (ideally more) emergency contact numbers for your child.

Report Absences Early: If your child is going to be absent, please notify us by 9.00am on the day. Under new 2026 rules, we are required to follow up on unexplained absences promptly to ensure every child is safe.

Read Our Policy: Our updated 2026 Safeguarding Policy is now available on request via The Ovivio App. It includes our new whistleblowing procedures for parents and staff.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have any questions about how we keep your child safe, please do not hesitate to reach out to our team.

Thank you for being part of our Poppins family and for trusting us with your precious little ones.

We are looking forward to an exciting and busy summer term.

Warm regards,

The Poppins Day Nursery Team.



Caterpillar Room:

We have had a busy Spring Term! Firstly, we would like to welcome our new families to the baby room. It has been lovely to see how quickly they have settled into their new environment.

Here are some things we have been up to the last few months.

Our Caterpillar Room have had a lovely time taking part in all our activities and special occasions this term.

When taking part in **World Book Day** the babies loved bringing in their favourite book from home and being able to share it with their friends. We also got to create many creative tuff trays around their love for stories.



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The Caterpillar also enjoyed taking part in our **Mother's Day Event** being able to



share their environment with their favourite person.

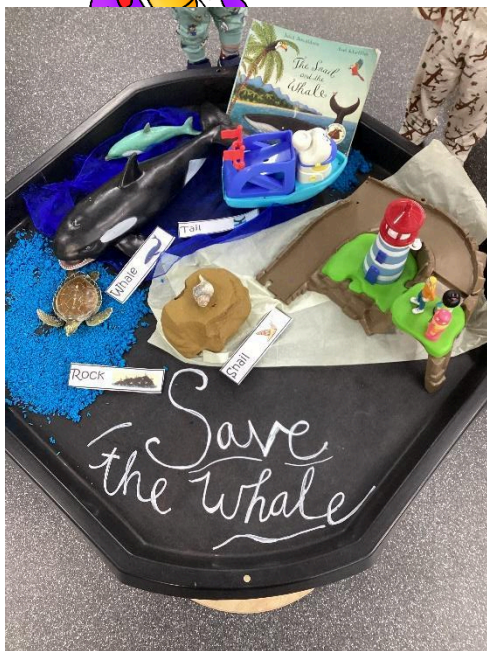


The Caterpillar room also took part in our **Easter Day Parade**; we loved seeing all your amazing creations which looked like they were so much fun to make!

They also enjoyed celebrating **Chinese New Year**, where they got to role play a Chinese Restaurant but also get a chance to try their very own Chow Mein.

Butterfly Room

In the Butterfly Room, the two-year-olds have been fully embracing the magical Spring season through a variety of hand-on sensory experiences.



World Book Day the toddlers loved being able to take part in many messy activities around their favourite stories. Especially all the Julia Donaldson stories. It was lovely to be able to share their favourite stories they read at home with all their friends. The toddlers even put on a little puppet show using their new puppet theatre. Some of the favourite activities from that day were based on 'The Snail and The Whale' and 'Dear Zoo'



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took part in **Pancake Day** where they had their very own pancake races against the pre-school

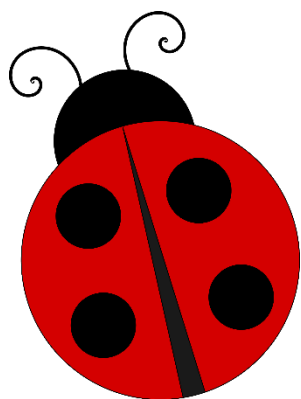
children. They also got to make their own pancakes to eat for their pudding. It was fun to hear everyone's favourite way to eat their pancakes at home.

It was lovely to be able to see all

our lovely moms join us for our **Mother's Day Stay and Play**. It looked like you had so much fun. I know the toddlers really enjoyed sharing their environment with you.



Thank you for taking the time to create some lovely Easter Bonnets to celebrate **Easter** with us. They looked amazing and I can imagine that you had so much fun creating these. The children took part in their very own 'Catwalk' displaying their hats for all to see. We then took part in a special Easter Egg Hunt which they all loved especially when they found the chocolate.



Ladybird Room:

The ladybirds have had a busy Spring Term. The change of season has brought inspiration to our classroom as the children explored the wonders of Spring.



For all our new friends into the pre-school room **WELCOME!** Could we please ask that you send in some lovely family photos so we can add you to our family display.

World Book Day was such a success in the pre-school room as they all got to bring in their favourite stories. It was lovely to watch them share these books with their friends as they sat in groups reading to each other.



Pre-school really enjoyed taking part in many celebrations this term such as Ground Hog Day, Valentines Day, Chinese New Year, etc. We celebrated these by taking part in a variety of activities to help us learn about the occasion.



We hope the children going to school this year all got the school they wanted. It's hard to imagine that soon they will be leaving us to continue their learning journey at school. We will continue to support school readiness to help support and settle the children as they begin this transition process.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR PRE SCHOOL CHILDREN AS THEY START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER _ WE WILL MISS YOU ALL!!