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SUNBEAM FAMILY SERVICES Ltd T/A

Sugar Plum Tree Nursery

AUTUMN/WINTER NEWSLETTER – 2024/25

A Warm Welcome!

Hello to all our parents and carers!

We hope this message finds you well as we transition into the winter season. We are pleased to provide you with our latest newsletter, outlining recent nursery activities and previewing the exciting events and programs planned for the coming months. Please take a moment to review this update to stay informed about our autumn and winter initiatives, as well as other important information regarding our nursery community.



Nursery Fees Increase

We just wanted to make all parents and carers aware that our nursery fees have increased as of 01/12/2024.

We have made the decision to increase our nursery fees due to substantial rises in operational costs since July 2024, including a notable increase in rent for both our sites, alongside the rising costs of essential supplies and utilities. Additionally, the recent increase in the National Minimum Wage has impacted staffing costs, as we remain committed to fairly compensating our dedicated and qualified team. This fee adjustment is necessary to allow us to continue providing exceptional care and education.

As always, we have made every effort to keep this increase to a minimum. The updated fees will be available on our website.

Important dates for your diary

Bank Holiday Closures 2024/25	Wed 25th December 2024, Thu 26th December 2024 Wed 1st January 2025, Fri 18th April 2025 Mon 21st April 2025, Mon 5th May 2025 Mon 26th May 2025, Mon 25th August 2025 Thu 25th December 2025, Fri 26th December 2025
Annual Summer Closures 2024	Nursery closed for summer break 2025 from: Monday 4 th August 2025 – Friday 8 th August 2025
Staff Inset Day 2025	Thursday 2 nd January 2025 Monday 31 st March 2025 Tuesday 27 th May 2025 Friday 2 nd January 2026
Christmas Closures 2024	Wed 25th December 2024, Thu 26th December 2024 Friday 27th Dec 2024 – Monday 30th Dec 2024 – Tuesday 31st Dec 2024

Diwali Celebration

This year, Diwali fell on Thursday, October 31st, 2024, and our nursery was excited to share the joy of this festival with the children through engaging and meaningful activities.

To celebrate Diwali, we had storytelling sessions where the children learnt about the festival's origins and significance, helping them understand the cultural importance of this occasion. Additionally, the children took part in art and craft activities, creating traditional rangoli patterns, allowing them to explore cultural art forms while sparking their creativity.

This joyful experience offered them a deeper, immersive understanding of Diwali's traditions.



Continued Weekly Singing Sessions

Our Jumping Beans Singing Sessions have been a tremendous success, with the children eagerly participating each week. These sessions continue to provide a fun and valuable experience, allowing the children to engage in physical activity, improve their coordination, and express themselves through music and movement. Singing and dancing in a group setting also fosters social skills, helping the children build confidence and strengthen friendships. Looking ahead, we hope to introduce new songs and creative elements to keep the sessions fresh and exciting, ensuring they remain a highlight of the week for everyone involved.

Christmas/Festive Celebrations at the Nursery

We're really getting into the festive spirit as Christmas approaches, and we have some exciting events planned to celebrate! On Tuesday, 3rd December 2024, we'll be hosting a Christmas/Festive performance – first at the Erskine site from 4:00 to 5:00 pm, followed by the Greenleaf site from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Parents are warmly invited to join us, so be sure to come along and enjoy the festivities with us!

Then, on Wednesday, 18th December 2024, we'll have a Festive Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day at 12:00 pm. The lunch will feature a delicious three-course meal with a starter, main course, and dessert, giving the children a chance to enjoy a special holiday feast together. On this day, children are encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers or festive costumes, making the event even more joyful and providing an opportunity for them to express their holiday spirit and creativity. We can't wait to celebrate together and make these moments memorable for everyone!



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Autumn/Winter Menu 2024

Our nursery is excited to introduce our brand-new Autumn/winter menu, designed to provide warm, nutritious, and delicious meals for the colder months. The menu includes a variety of dishes crafted with seasonal ingredients to ensure balanced and wholesome nutrition for the children.

Highlights include soup, home baked bread, as well as a selection of fresh fruits and vegetables. With options like chicken pilau for lunch and home baked pizza for tea, we aim to cater to a wide range of tastes and dietary needs, keeping everyone happy and healthy this winter.

Black History Month Celebrations



At our nursery, October are dedicated to celebrating Black History Month and African culture through a series of meaningful and interactive activities.

On 22nd October 2024, we hosted African drumming workshops led by Seneke from Mbilla Arts, where the children explored rhythm, beats, and the cultural roots of this powerful music. A special meal on 23rd October 2024, featuring traditional African dishes allowed the children to experience and appreciate new flavours tied to the celebration.

Children and staff also wore cultural attire, making it a joyful occasion for everyone to showcase and celebrate our nursery's rich cultural diversity. Through stories, achievements, and activities that highlight Black History, we aimed to foster an environment of respect, understanding, and appreciation for inclusion. It's a privilege to see our community embrace all backgrounds and recognize the richness that diversity brings.



Chinese New Year Activity

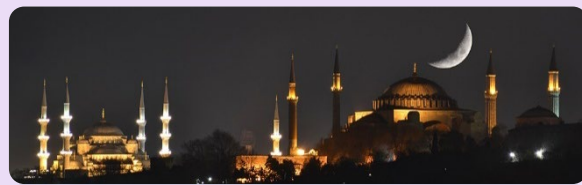
As Chinese New Year approaches, we're excited to celebrate this important holiday and introduce the children to its rich cultural significance. This year, beginning on Wednesday, 29th January 2025, we'll welcome the Year of the Snake, a symbol of wisdom, transformation, and renewal in Chinese culture.

To honour the occasion, here at the nursery we'll be doing paper snake crafts, decorating with lanterns, and telling stories about Chinese culture. These fun activities gives children a hands-on way to engage with the holiday's symbols while sparking creativity. We will be cooking Chinese food on Tuesday 4th February 2025 to educate children about Chinese Food.

We look forward to celebrating the Year of the Snake with our nursery family, fostering a sense of cultural awareness and joy for everyone involved!

Upcoming Ramadan Celebrations

In March 2025, we'll be celebrating Ramadan with a variety of engaging activities designed to help the children learn about this significant time in the Islamic calendar. To foster understanding and inclusivity, the children will participate in storytelling sessions, create Eid cards, and explore creative projects featuring key symbols like moons and stars.



To conclude the celebration, on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025, we'll host a special dinner to mark Eid and the end of Ramadan, offering everyone an opportunity to come together and enjoy our cultural diversity.

Dec 2024 – Jan 2026

Nursery Calendar

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Annual Christmas Closures: Mon 29th Dec 2025 – Wed 31st Dec 2025

Staff Inset Days - The nursery will close for staff inset days on: Thursday 2nd January 2025, Monday 31st March 2025, Tuesday 27th May 2025, Fri 2nd January 2026

National Bank Holidays - The nursery will close for ALL national bank holidays (See next column).

Nursery Fees - Nursery fees remain payable for ALL closures.

National Bank Holidays

Thu 26th December 2024: Boxing Day
 Wed 1st January 2025: New Year's Day
 Fri 18th April 2025: Good Friday
 Mon 21st April 2025: Easter Monday
 Mon 5th May 2025: Early May Bank Holiday
 Mon 26th May 2025: Spring Bank Holiday
 Mon 25th August 2025: Summer Bank Holiday
 Thu 25th December 2025: Christmas Day
 Fri 26th December 2025: Boxing Day
 Thu 1st January 2026: New Year's Day

Dec 2025 – Jan 2027

Nursery Calendar

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Annual Christmas Closures: Tue 29th December to Thur 31st December 2026

Staff Inset Days - The nursery will close for staff inset days on: Fri 2nd January 2026, Mon 30th March 2026, Tue 26th May 2026

National Bank Holidays - The nursery will close for ALL national bank holidays (See next column).

Nursery Fees - Nursery fees remain payable for ALL closures.

National Bank Holidays

Thursday 25th December 2025: Christmas Day

Friday 26th December 2025: Boxing Day

Thursday, 1st January 2026: New Year's Day

Fri 3rd April 2026: Good Friday

Mon 6th April 2026: Easter Monday

Mon 4th May 2026: Early May Bank Holiday

Mon 25th May 2026: Spring Bank Holiday

Mon 31st August 2026: Summer Bank Holiday

Fri 25th December 2026: Christmas Day

Mon 28th December 2026: Boxing Day (Substitute Day)