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May, June and July 2025

Hello everyone,

First of all, we'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new starters. It's been a joy to see how quickly they've settled into our Nursery family. Their smiles and enthusiasm have brightened our days, and we're excited to watch them grow and learn with us.

Speaking of new beginnings, School places for September Reception starters have been offered. This is an exciting milestone for many of our children and families. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to ask. We are planning School Readiness Workshops to help families prepare our older children for their next big step. We'll be sending out the dates for these soon, so keep an eye out for that information.

We have recently had some fantastic events... Our Easter Stay and Play was a huge success! It was heart-warming to see so many families join us for this special occasion. The children had a great time, and it was a great opportunity for parents to get involved in their little ones' learning journey.

We also had a visit from Zoo Lab, which was absolutely amazing! The children were fascinated by the various creatures they got to see and learn about. It's experiences like these, that spark curiosity and a love for learning in our young ones.

Our Nursery Open Evening was well attended on 7th May, with lots of lovely feedback from prospective families. If you know anyone who might be interested in a Nursery place, please ask them to contact us, as soon as possible. Some of our July 2024 leavers came to see us too and it was wonderful to hear how well they are doing at 'Big School'.

Coming up, we have Dean coming in to Nursery to deliver 'Ready, Set, Go' outdoor sessions and Jess delivering some Railways Safety sessions to our older children and we are hoping to also organise a visit to Hope Town at Darlington Railway Station too! Animals About Town will be coming to visit us. Swimming lessons also continue, with all children making excellent progress.

Lastly, we are delighted to announce that our Nursery Graduation Ceremony for our July 25 leavers will be held in St Peter's Chapel at Auckland Palace. It's going to be a beautiful celebration of our children's achievements and their journey with us.

As always, we're incredibly grateful for your support and involvement in our Nursery community. It's a privilege to watch your children grow and learn every day. Here's to another term filled with discovery, laughter, and precious moments!



The following children and staff will be celebrating their birthdays in May, June, July and August: Callie-Leigh, Owen, Millie, Noah, Jaxon, Seraphina, Maggie, Arthur, Viktoria, Valentina, Kayda, Aria, Jackson, Harmony-Rose, Ayla, Jordan, Santana-Marie, Esme, Luka, and Hanna. Mrs Steggles, Mrs Emberson and Miss Francis will be celebrating too!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you all!

Your child's safety is very important to us...

Please avoid driving down the approach to the school as this puts other children and parents at risk. We would also appreciate it if you could use the laybys and be mindful about our neighbours when parking - **please avoid their driveways and the grass verges**. Please remind all adults that drop off and collect your children.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Lisa Jenkins and Mrs Staines Head Teacher

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School fund... Thank you very much for your donations to School Fund. You have paid for our twice daily snacks, as well as birthday gifts for the children, playdough ingredients, games equipment for outdoors and a new outdoor book nook for our 2 year olds to sit in and read stories. Our visit from Animals About Town will be subsidised for all children and is a fantastic opportunity for your little ones to get up close with a range of farm animals!

For children who attend 15 hours or less, we ask for **£1** a week
and for children attending 16 - 30 hours, we ask for **£2** a week.

Please use the payment category 'School Fund' on ParentPay.

Easy Fundraising... Many thanks to those of you that are supporting us when online shopping. Since setting our account up in November 2020, our supporters have raised **almost £860**. It is really easy to sign up and just click on a link before choosing your online retailer.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/acletclosenursery/>

The donation to school is often just pennies, but it does add up and it is all spent on the children.

You just shop as you usually would, but always click on Easy Fundraising first. The most commonly used ones are Amazon, Screwfix, Etsy, Studio, Gap, Sainsbury's Groceries, Just Eat, H Samuel, John Lewis, Marks & Spencers and Ebay. There's lots of other retailers there... feel free to ask your friends and family to support us too. ☺

Dates for your diary...

Mon 28th Apr: School reopens

Mon 5th May: School closed - Bank Holiday

Tues 6th May: School closed for Staff Training

Weds 7th May: School reopens to children

Weds 7th May: Open night for prospective families

Thurs 8th May: Ready Set Go - Sports activity sessions start for July 2025 school leavers

Fri 23rd May: School breaks up for May Half Term

Mon 2nd June: School reopens

Weds 25th June: Animals About Town. More info to follow.

Weds 2nd July: Hopetown trip for July 2025 school leavers. More info to follow

Weds 9th July: Mini graduation for July 2025 school leavers. More info to follow.

Fri 18th July: School breaks up for Summer

Tues 2nd Sept: Staff Training Day 1

Weds 3rd Sept: School reopens for children

Governors' news...

In July we will be saying goodbye to 2 of our fabulous staff. Miss Garvey has been studying, as well as working full time, and will now take some time to grow her own business whilst Mrs Emberson will be taking early retirement to spend more time with her family. They have been very valued members of staff and will be very much missed - Governors and staff wish them both well for the future.

Vacancy...

We currently have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor. Training and support is provided.

Please ring the office for a chat with Mrs Jenkins or Mrs Staines if you are interested.