



# FEDERATION NEWS

July 2023

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools  
Bedford Nursery Schools Federation



Dear Parents and Carers

As we come to the end of a busy Summer Term, I would like to express my thanks to you all for your support throughout the year.

There have been many highlights and much to celebrate. Peter Pan enjoyed its 50th birthday celebration and retained its Outstanding OFSTED grading following our inspection in April. You can read the report here:

[Peter Pan Nursery School - OFSTED](#)

At Cherry Trees, the children have displayed their fantastic art skills whilst carefully painting their sunflowers, they also had a super transition visit to Shackleton. Next year we look forward to celebrating Cherry Trees' 80th birthday.

Enjoy the summer break and take a look at the free activities that are happening over the summer locally. Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy summer.

Julie Smith  
Executive  
Head Teacher



*'Celebrating and Strengthening  
our Communities Together'*

## Summer Term

This term we have had some lovely events, celebrations and visitors to the nursery schools, including a visit from Ark Farm and the Community Police Officer, a family picnic at Cherry Trees and 50th birthday celebration at Peter Pan, and finally our carnivals and Summer Concerts to say good bye to our school leavers. Here are some of the photo highlights from our summer term:



We would like to wish the children leaving us in July all the very best for the next step in their learning journey; please come back and see us and let us know how you are getting on.

Please see overleaf for the summer time fun timetable from ECP and check their website for more events over the summer break.

Please take time to look at the 'Home Learning' pages on our websites:  
<https://www.peterpannurseryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Nursery+Life&pid=8>  
<https://www.cherrytreesnurseryschool.co.uk/page/?title=Nursery+Life&pid=8>

## AUTUMN TERM DATES

Nursery reopens Wednesday 6th September

Half-term: Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October

Last day of the Autumn Term: Tuesday 19th December (no tea club)



# 50 things to do before you're five

The Summer holidays are a great opportunity to use the 50 things app if you are stuck for ideas, days out, rainy day activities or things to do in the garden for example. You can dip in and out of the app when you want something quick to do. Or even plan your entire summer holidays using the activities and links to structure days out.

There are 50 low and no-cost local activities via the free '50 things to do before you're five' app for parents and carers in Bedfordshire. With information, guidance and supporting resources, each activity has been designed to help promote early language development.

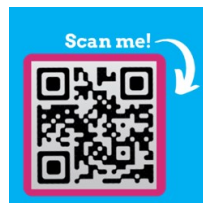
Build a memory bank of your child's special moments – splash in puddles (#29 Pitter Patter), collect fallen leaves (#34 Woodland Wondering), or capture their imaginations with fancy dress (#15 Dressing Up).



**Website link:** <https://bedfordshire.50thingstodo.org/>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/50TTDBedfordshire>

There are plenty of fun and exciting activities to choose from.





## Summer Reading Challenge 2023

# Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.  
Delivered in partnership with libraries.







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## PUGGLE CLUB

Creative activities for 3 to 5 year olds at The Higgins Bedford

FREE, NO NEED TO BOOK

EVERY FRIDAY THROUGH THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS  
28th JULY TO 1st SEPTEMBER

pop in any time between 1:30 and 3:30pm  
stay as long as you like  
children must be accompanied by an adult





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## Nature Walk

Come and join us on a Nature Walk, hunt for bugs, collect leaves and have some fun! All children aged 0-5 years welcome! For health and safety reasons we ask you DO NOT bring your dogs along.

**Monday**  
 Priory Marina (meet by cafe)  
 31st July - 10-11:30am  
 Addison Park (meet by row of shops)  
 14th August - 10-11am

**Friday**  
 Bedford Park (meet by play park next to Robinson Pool)  
 11th August - 1:30-3pm






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See our full timetable here!



## Forest School

£5+fee per family

This is an outdoor based session, giving children the chance to explore nature, build dens, hunt for bugs and much more! The sessions are designed for children aged 2 years plus, but younger siblings will be permitted to attend if they are in a sling, baby carrier or pushchair.

Sessions take place regardless of the weather so please dress suitably and ensure shoes are enclosed (no sandals or flip flops can be worn). There MUST be one adult per two children (including younger siblings) and a family is a maximum of two adults and two children.

**Wednesday**  
 Cherry Trees  
 MK42 9LS  
 10 - 11:30am  
 26th July

**Friday**  
 Cherry Trees  
 MK42 9LS  
 10 - 11:30am  
 4th August






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# Summer Time Fun

Come and join us for our 0-5 years summer play session. There will be lots of activities for you and your children to enjoy! Come along and meet others, spark your child's imagination and support their learning. Staff will be on hand to support you with any queries such as parenting, potty training and much more! The sessions are free but a donation towards resources would be greatly appreciated.

A set of scales will be available in every session for parents to self-weigh their child with staff on hand to support if needed.

## Pine Cones

MK41 7SA

Mon 24th July - 9:30 - 11am  
Fri 4th August - 1:30 - 3pm  
Fri 11th August - 1:30 - 3pm  
Tues 15th August - 10am - 2pm  
Wed 16th August - 10am - 2pm  
Thurs 17th August - 10am - 2pm  
Fri 25th August - 1:30 - 3pm

## Queens Park

MK40 4LE

Mon 24th July - 1:30 - 3pm  
Mon 31st July - 1:30 - 3pm  
Mon 7th August - 1:30 - 3pm  
Mon 14th August - 1:30 - 3pm  
Mon 21st August - 1:30 - 3pm

## Kingsbrook

MK42 0HL

Tues 25th July - 9:30 - 11am  
Thurs 3rd August - 1:30 - 3pm  
Fri 18th August - 9:30 - 11am  
Thurs 31st August - 1:30 - 3pm

## Daisy Hill

MK42 8QH

Tues 25th July - 1:30 - 3pm  
Mon 31st August - 9:30 - 11am  
Mon 7th August - 9:30 - 11am  
Tues 22nd August - 1:30 - 3pm  
Tues 29th August - 1:30 - 3pm

## Goldington

MK41 9HU

Wed 26th July - 9:30 - 11am  
Wed 2nd August - 1:30 - 3pm  
Tues 8th August - 10am - 2pm  
Wed 9th August - 10am - 2pm  
Wed 30th August - 9:30 - 11am

## Cherry Trees

MK42 9LS

Wed 26th July - 1:30 - 3pm  
Tues 1st August - 10am - 2pm  
Wed 2nd August - 10am - 2pm  
Thurs 3rd August - 10am - 2pm  
Wed 30th August - 1:30 - 3pm

## Eastcotts

MK42 0GG

Thurs 27th July - 9:30 - 11am  
Fri 4th August - 9:30 - 11am  
Fri 11th August - 9:30 - 11am  
Fri 18th August - 1:30 - 3pm  
Fri 25th August - 9:30 - 11am

## Peter Pan

MK42 9DR

Tues 1st August - 1:30 - 3pm  
Tues 15th August - 1:30 - 3pm  
Tues 29th August - 1:30 - 3pm

## Geek Retreat

Harpur Shopping Centre

MK40 1TJ

Tues 22nd August - 10am - 2pm  
Wed 23rd August - 10am - 2pm  
Thurs 24th August - 10am - 2pm



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