



FEDERATION NEWS



October 2025

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you feel welcome as a member of our Nursery Schools' community at Cherry Trees or Peter Pan. We recognise the importance of working in partnership with parents and carers to enable us to provide your child with the best start to their educational journey. There are many opportunities to become involved with your child's learning, including our 'concerts' and 'stay and play' sessions each term. We look forward to seeing you at these events throughout the academic year.

Your child will choose a library book with their key person on the same day each week. You can keep the book at home for a week to share over and over again. This helps the children to become confident and familiar with the story and develops their love of reading. Please bring your child's library book in their folder to Nursery School on their library day each week so that their book can be changed.

We ask families to make a voluntary contribution of £1 each week to help fund the cost of snack and cooking ingredients. You can pay this weekly or termly via the school offices.



We have also started our Harvest collection of food items for the local Foodbank. There is a basket at the entrance of each school if you are able to donate something.

Best wishes

Julie Smith
Executive
Head Teacher

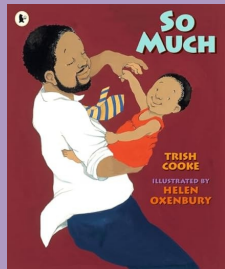


'Celebrating and Strengthening our Communities Together'

Our learning this term:

Settling into Nursery School

The children have made a wonderful start to the new academic year. Everyone has worked hard to develop warm relationships with the children and their families. By working with parents and carers to help settle each individual child we ensure that children feel safe and happy with us. When children have high levels of well-being they are able to flourish and learn.



Making Friends There are lots of opportunities in the day to play and interact. Adults skillfully support the children as they make new friends. During group times we encourage children to talk about their own lives and to get to know each other. By reading stories about families such as 'So Much' the children are able to relate to the family members in the story. They feel comforted by talking about their home lives and want to share who is special to them.

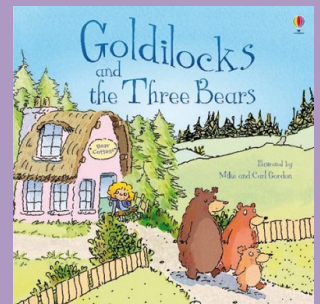
Routines We spend time in group sessions explicitly teaching children about routines and expectations. We use puppets, roles play and stories about tidying to model how to look after our resources and to share and take turns. We encourage the children to be proud of their setting and know they feel confident when they understand the routine of the day and what is expected of them.



Forest School The children are enjoying weekly sessions in our forest school area with Meg from 'The Good Life Garden'. Forest school gives children the chance to explore, discover and learn in a natural environment. The children are already learning to care for the environment and respect the world around them.

Music We are also lucky to be visited by Jenny, our music teacher every week. She works with all of the children in small groups sharing a variety of songs, rhymes and musical activities. The children gain language, memory and listening skills from these activities as well as having lots of fun!

Goldilocks The story of the Goldilocks and the Tree Bears has helped the children develop language, sequencing and early storytelling skills by retelling and acting it out. They have used puppets and objects to support their understanding and props to talk about comparative size.



TERM DATES

Half-term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

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

Nursery reopens: Wednesday 7th January

Half-term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20st February

Last day of Spring term: Friday 27th March (no tea club)




Best Start in Life replaces the Childcare Choices website as your main source of information for early education and childcare support. It brings together trusted information and tips to help you to support your child grow and develop. Click to read [The Prime Minister's letter to parents](#)


The Best Start in Life parent hub
 There are no wrong questions when it comes to your child's development.
 Best Start in Life brings together trusted information and support from pregnancy through your child's early years and beyond.

I need help with

- When should my child start eating solid food?
- How do I get my child ready for school?
- Can I get help paying for childcare?

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Plastic Carrier Bags 

Please do not use carrier bags for your child's spare clothes/shoes—for the outer bag or inside their main bag.

We will provide nappy bags—so there is no need for nappy sacks to be brought into nursery.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 

Friday 10th October
Harvest Autumn Concert
 Join us at 11.30am or 3.00pm

Tuesday 21st October
Diwali Stay and Play
 Join us anytime from 9am to 10.30am or 12.30pm to 2.00pm

REMINDER: We are a NUT FREE school.

NO FOOD OR WATER BOTTLES should be brought into nursery.

Please check your child's bag each day to ensure nothing has been left inside accidentally. 

Family Photo

Please send a photo of your child sharing a family celebration, such as a birthday, religious event, or special time together so that we can frame these in the home corner and create a photo album for the children to look through.

Email your photo to:
cherrytrees@bedfordnurseryschools.com or
peterpan@bedfordnurseryschools.com



NEW in Bedford...

Ben and Bella Trails
 A magical outdoor reading adventure for children aged 3-7.



For more information click here [Ben and Bella trail](#)
 Bedford Borough
 Year of Reading 2025

Starting School September 2026

Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022

All the information you need to apply for a school place is available on the Bedford Borough website.

[Click here](#) for details of all the schools in the area and a PDF copy of the admissions booklet, Starting School 2026, which explains how they process your application for a school place.

Parent Hub

Please sign up to our Parent Hub app. This is the way we will be sending newsletters and other information home to you.

You can download the app from the Google store or Apple store.
 Create an account and search for @PeterPan for Peter Pan or @CherryTrees for Cherry Trees.
 Please remember to verify your account.

