



FEDERATION NEWS

JULY 26

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another amazing academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a busy, exciting, and rewarding year, and we are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved.

Over the past year, we have watched the children grow in confidence, independence, and curiosity. They have embraced new experiences, developed friendships, explored their interests, and shown a wonderful enthusiasm for learning through play. Whether they have been creating masterpieces in the art and collage areas, exploring nature and the seasons with Meg at Forest School, singing their favourite songs with Jenny, or sharing stories at group time, every day has been filled with discovery and moments of joy.

We have celebrated many special events throughout the year, and it was lovely to see so many parents, carers and extended family at our summer picnics and Leavers Concerts. Your shared involvement plays a vital role in making our federation such a warm and welcoming place.

It is the time of year when we say goodbye to lots of our families as the older children transition to their Reception Year at Primary School. We are also saying goodbye to a few families who are moving to a different nursery or pre-school. We wish you all a smooth transition and send our good wishes with you on your future learning journey. Please come back to see us in your new school uniforms to let us know how you are settling in.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff team. Their commitment, creativity, and care ensure that every child feels safe, happy, and valued. We also say goodbye to some members of staff: Ally at Cherry Trees, and Toni, Ali and Heather at Peter Pan. I would like to thank them all for their contributions to the Nursery Schools and wish them all every happiness for the future. In September, there will be some slight changes to teaching staff: Tracy (teacher) will be moving from Peter Pan to Cherry Trees and Chloe (teacher) will be moving from Cherry Trees to Peter Pan. The staff team already work collaboratively across the federation of our two Nursery Schools, and both Tracy and Chloe have had the opportunity to visit their new base school and to meet the children.

As the summer holidays begin, we hope you enjoy spending quality time with family and friends. We encourage the children to keep exploring, being active, being creative, reading stories and singing songs and rhymes.

We have been touched by your cards, gifts and kind words, these are greatly appreciated. It is a privilege to work with you all to provide the best start for your children in their early education. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer break.

With my best wishes

Julie Smith
Executive Head Teacher



TERM DATES

Last day of Summer term: Friday 17th July (no tea club)

Nursery re-opens: Friday 4th September

Half term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

Last day of Autumn term: Friday 18th December (no tea club)

Useful Information:

Office Emails :

- cherrytrees@bedfordnurseryschools.com
- peterpan@bedfordnurseryschools.com

Please email if you need to get in touch, we won't be in every day but will pick up your message when we are back in the office.

If you have a concern about a child but not in immediate danger contact the [Integrated Front Door](#)

Or call: 01234 718700 during office hours 0300 300 8123 out of hours

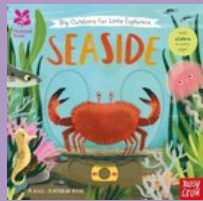
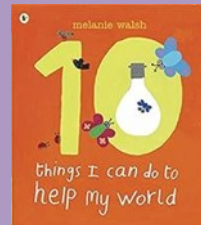
Children's Community [Health Hub](#): 0300 555 0606

[Family Hubs](#): 0300 323 0245 or email: familyhubs@bedford.gov.uk

Our Learning this term:

Environment Week

During Environment Week, we learned about caring for our planet and the importance of recycling. The children sorted recyclable materials and discussed simple ways to help the environment after reading '10 Things I Can Do to Help My World'. They were particularly moved by learning about plastic pollution in our oceans. After sharing Somebody Swallowed Stanley, the children reflected on the impact rubbish can have on sea life and created thoughtful artwork inspired by their learning.

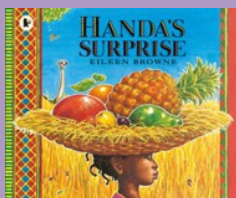
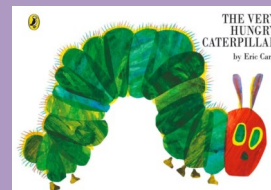


Sea Life and the Seaside

The children explored the theme of sea life and holidays through a range of imaginative and sensory experiences. Inspired by Billy's Bucket, they drew and talked about the sea creatures they would like to discover in their own magical buckets. They enjoyed small world play, building sandcastles, listening to ocean sounds and using large blue fabrics to recreate the movement of waves. Sensory stories and hands-on experiences helped bring seaside adventures to life.

The Very Hungry Caterpillar

One of the highlights of the term was observing real caterpillars as they transformed into butterflies. Through sharing 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and singing songs about caterpillars and butterflies, the children developed a deeper understanding of life cycles and change. They created colourful butterfly artwork and learned ambitious vocabulary including chrysalis and metamorphosis. The block of learning culminated in the exciting release of the butterflies into our garden, creating a truly memorable moment of wonder for everyone involved.

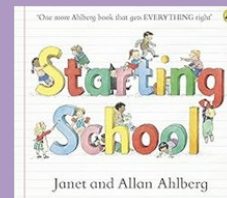


Fruit and Carnival Celebrations

Last week we enjoyed Handa's Surprise, tasting and describing a variety of fruits from the story. The children learnt about carnivals and prepared for our special Carnival Day by making decorations, creating fruit kebabs and taking part in a range of creative activities.

Preparing for School

All children moving on to school took part in our much-loved Mouse Club project. Each child has received a special toy mouse to accompany them on their new adventure, providing a reassuring link between home, nursery and school. Families also received a Mouse Club booklet containing activities to support positive conversations and confidence-building at home.



Celebrating Our Time Together

During the final week of term, we focused on enjoying quality time together and reflecting on the many friendships, achievements and happy memories we have shared throughout the year. We are incredibly proud of the warm, nurturing community we have built together.

We enjoyed welcoming families into Nursery to enjoy our summer songs and to celebrate the children who are moving on to their next adventure. It was a wonderful opportunity to say a proper farewell and celebrate all they have achieved during their time with us.

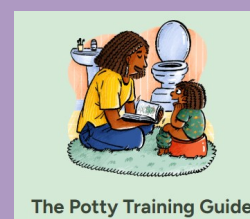
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[Starting Reception](#)



[The Children's Toothbrushing Guide](#)



[The Potty Training Guide](#)



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Culture & Heritage Bedford

BEST START IN LIFE

Family HUBS

20 July - 30 August

SUMMER

Holidays 26

TIMETABLE

Click for [Summer Holiday timetable](#)



Quiet Stay & Play

These sessions are designed for families with **under 5s** who prefer a calmer, more relaxed environment. Join us with your child and any younger siblings, for a gentle play experience in a welcoming and supportive setting.

Children can enjoy a range of age-appropriate activities that encourage exploration, creativity and social interaction, all within a quieter atmosphere. These sessions provide a comfortable space for families to play together, meet others, and enjoy quality time without the noise and bustle of larger play groups.

Places must be booked in advance to help maintain a calm environment and keep attendance numbers low.

Please call **0300 323 0245** to book.

 Queens Park
 20, 27 Jul | 10, 17 Aug
 10 - 11.30am
 FREE

 Eastcotts
 24 Jul | 7, 21, 28 Aug
 10 - 11.30am
 FREE

BOOKABLE SESSIONS



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10am – 4pm daily • Free entry

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Family HUBS

FAMILY HUBS FESTIVAL 26

A free morning of fun for all the family

-  Police/Fire engine
-  Nature activities
-  Farm animals
-  Inflatables
-  Rides
-  Sports activities
-  Music & singing
-  Sensory tent



SATURDAY
19
SEPTEMBER

9.30am – 12pm
First hour is inclusive

Daisy Hill Family Hub
Hillgrounds Road, Kempston MK42 8QH

If travelling by car, please park at Sainsbury's, Saxon Centre,
252-274 Bedford Rd, Kempston, Bedford MK42 8AY



Puggle Club

Friday 10 April, 10.30am-12noon and 1pm-2.30pm

Free, Drop in, creative sessions for early years age children (age 5 and under)

A chance to get creative, have fun, and socialise! Come and join in the fun. It's a free drop-in activity, so no need to book. Just pop in any time between 10:30am-12pm and 1pm-2:30pm, stay for as long as you like. Siblings are welcome during holiday Puggle sessions.



Sunday Crafternoon

12 April

Free, Drop in, 2pm-4pm

Each month families are encouraged to come and make something together. Experienced artists and volunteers lead the sessions and develop a range of creative activities, often relating to our current displays. Suitable for under 12s although older children are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please be aware that space is limited and there may be a wait to start. Last admission is 3:30pm.

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LEGO CLUB

Every Saturday 11am-3pm

SUNDAY FUNDAY

Every Sunday 11.30am-1.30pm

Lots of fun with Giant Lego, board games and puzzles



Ben & Bella Book Trails

Follow the colourful story markers of Ben & Bella's famous imaginary adventures at: Bedford Park, Russell Park, Mowsbury Park and Bedford Central Library



31ST JULY

10AM TO 4PM

BEDFORD INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC STADIUM



Email: steve.mugridge@nhs.net
2026 Bedfordshire and Luton Wellbeing Games

Movement is good for every part of you

Take advantage of our FREE health and wellbeing stalls, designed to boost mental and physical health, and promote the benefits of sport and fitness.

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BETTER



Join BBPCF for a fun-filled Summer Fun Day for children and young people with SEND and their families



- Arts and Crafts
- Gamerzbus
- Inflatables
- Pete's Activities and Minions Game
- Disney Crazy Golf



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£3.50 per child. Parent carers attend free



Event booking