

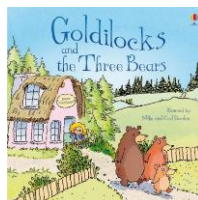
Federation News

OCT 2026

Our learning this term: *Settling into Nursery School*

Settling, making friends and routines

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. We spend time in group sessions explicitly teaching children about routines and expectations. We use puppets, role 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.



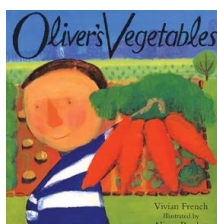
Traditional Tales



We have been enjoying the wonderful world of Traditional Tales, exploring Goldilocks and the Three Bears and The Little Red Hen. Through these stories, the children have been learning about size, using mathematical language and exploring the importance of helping one another. A highlight was making our very own bread, with lots of opportunities for mixing, kneading and tasting!

Autumn and Harvest

Over the last two weeks before the half term the children will be learning about the season 'Autumn'. They will be spending time looking for signs of autumn in the garden and finding natural resources such as leaves and conkers. We will use these resources for various activities such as art, counting and recognising patterns. We will learn about vegetables and read The Enormous Turnip and Oliver's Vegetables before preparing soup to taste. The children are also enjoying practicing their harvest songs to perform to their families on Friday!



TERM DATES

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

INSET DAY: Monday 2nd November (school closed)

Children return Tuesday 3rd November

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

Nursery reopens: Wednesday 6th January



Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to welcome you and your family to our community at Cherry Trees or Peter Pan. We believe that working closely together with parents and carers helps give children the very best start to their learning journey. Throughout the year, there will be lots of opportunities for you to get involved in your child's learning, including our concerts and termly Stay and Play sessions. These special events are a wonderful way to share in your child's experiences and celebrate their achievements. We look forward to seeing you at these events and building a strong partnership with you throughout the academic year.

Each week, your child will choose a library book with their key person to bring home and enjoy with you. Sharing the same story more than once helps children become familiar with books, build their confidence, and develop a lifelong love of reading. Please return your child's library book in their folder on their library day each week so that they can choose a new one to take home.

To help provide healthy snacks and fun cooking experiences for the children, we invite families to make a voluntary contribution of £1 per week. Payments can be made weekly or termly through the school office.

We are also looking for two new parent governors, one from each school. This is a rewarding opportunity to help shape the future of our nursery schools and make a positive difference for all children and families. If you would like to find out more about the role, please contact the school office. We would be delighted to hear from you.

Best wishes

Julie Smith
Executive
Head Teacher

*'Celebrating and Strengthening our
Communities Together'*



MESSAGES & REMINDERS

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

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 9th October

Harvest Autumn Concert

Join us at 11.20am or 2.50pm

Harvest Collection

If you would like to donate a tin or packet of food to support our local foodbank, please send in with your child to place in the basket by

Thursday 22nd October.

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.



WE ARE A MOBILE PHONE FREE SITE
Once through the gates, please put your
phone in your pocket or bag.

Starting School September 2027

Children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

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 2027, 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.



Google Play



Apple App Store

 **CHILDREN'S
COMMISSIONER**

THE BIG FUTURE

**The Children's Commissioner,
Dame Rachel de Souza, has
launched The Big Future survey.**

It's your chance to have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today - what you love, what worries you, how you have fun, and the changes you want for a better future.

There are questions about voting, school, your area, online safety, and space for you to tell her what you think is important!

**It takes less than 10 minutes to
complete the survey.**



Take part now:

childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

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