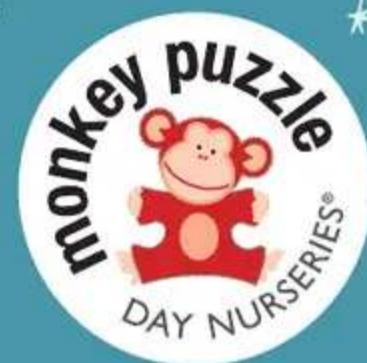


Astwick Newsletter

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June 2025

Nursery Updates:

Throughout May:

- We have been learning about sun safety and how to keep ourselves hydrated. The children have also spoken to us about the sun and why staying in the shade to play is important.
- More water play has been introduced back into the rooms to stay cool throughout the day. With this in mind, please can an extra set of clothes be added to your child's bag throughout the summer so we can make sure they are changed after the play has finished.
- Bluebells had a great stay and play session. The children enjoyed getting the parents involved with all their activities.
- We have been discovering ways of keeping our teeth healthy and clean during smile awareness month. This will also continue into June.
- Bluebells have been exploring new tools and techniques at forest school. They have also been creating new areas throughout the forest school area, making some of the equipment themselves!

Throughout June:

- We have a parent visiting the children to discuss her role as a dental hygienist and talk to the children about the importance of clean, healthy teeth.
- We have our fathers day stay and play sessions. Please check the dates in the back of Newsletter and email to reserve your space once a family post has been sent out.
- There are lots of nursery celebrations this month, some we couldn't fit onto the newsletter. If you have any empty junk modelling items at home, before throwing them out please can you kindly donate them to nursery ready for Make music day. The children will be making their own musical instruments out of junk modelling.

Fees -

As we have so many new parents at the nursery, this is just a polite reminder that fees are due on 1st of each month. We are aware that tax free childcare payments can take a couple of days to get to us, we ask that you try and transfer these before the 1st to ensure they are in our bank on time but will give leeway by a couple of days due to this for these payments.

Any payments not received by the 7th of each month will receive a reminder and may then incur a late payment charge.

important!

Inset days

Tuesday 28th October 2025



We continue to strive to give your child the best experience at nursery. If you have any questions or suggestions, please send us an email/give us a call!

If you and your children are having a positive nursery experience please support us by leaving a review on Facebook, Google or DayNurseries.co.uk. These are really valued by us and give us feedback on what we are doing well.

Take a look at what the rooms have been up to:



Over Two's

Please send over any interests your child has at home, along with some beautiful pictures and we can plan some special activities for them throughout the month!

(3-5years)

Bluebells

This month in bluebells we have explored many different activities for lots of different celebrations. Some of which were, world hedgehog day, world bee day and VE Day.

The children really enjoyed creating their very own hedgehogs out of clay, where they moulded the clay for the body of the hedgehogs. Then while they were at forest school, they found some sticks to add onto the hedgehog for its spikes. The children also created a den for their hedgehogs out in forest school where they could live.

We had lots of different activities out for world wee day. One of which the children really enjoyed was where they had watered down paint. This was the colours of a bee and they used the pipettes to collect the paint, practising their fine motor skills to squeeze out the paint onto some cotton pads after. Whilst doing this they looked at pictures of bees so they could see what they looked when creating their own bees. Another activity we had out for world bee day was where the children used the circular sponges to add the black and yellow paint to cut out bees.

VE Day the children learnt about in different ways. The children created their very own flag using the colour pencils to colour in the flag with the England colours. We also had a rice tuff tray set for the children to explore where one of the practitioners had it set out as the England flag. Some of the children also got a chance to go to the church where they learnt all about VE Day and how the church celebrated it.

Our forest school area is changing everyday! We have gained a rope bridge where the children work on their balancing skills. They walk across the bridge by holding onto the top rope and walk across on the bottom rope. We have some numbers and letters out there as well for the children to explore and to see if they can find anything out in the forest school relating to the different letters.

(2-3 years)

Lilies

We have had such a fun sunny month in Lilies during May. In our few singing classes we have been exploring emotions and how we can communicate in what we are feeling through signs. We have also been practicing our BSL signing with stop, please and thank you!

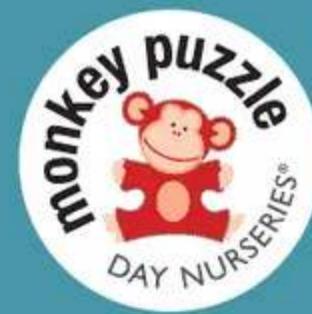
On our walks we have had some new exciting summer toys including hoopla and crocket! While enjoying the beautiful weather we have enjoyed many picnics with our snacks or tea, the children always get so excited! We have also started taking water play on walks which may sometimes turn into a little water fight! The parachute is also always amazing on our walk, the children's current favourite thing to do is to lay underneath it and watch all of the different colours!

We made some paper space plates for space day. As it was sun awareness we have been teaching the children on how to put sunscreen on and where we need it, and to always remember a hat! For doughnut day the children used craft bits and bobs and decorated some paper doughnuts! Europe day was in early May so we created a different habitats tray and where the animals may live, such as grass, sand and snow weather. For VE day we explore red white and blue Great Britian Flags in rice and paint!

For next month in June there is lots of exciting events happening! it is national dinosaur day on the 1st of June, we cant wait to hear the children's roars! It is then the big green week on the 7th-15th and world environment day on the 5th, where we will look at recycling and looking after our planet! It is then fathers day on the 15th of June where we would love to have some pictures of you with your children so we can discuss in circle time who is there fatherly figure! It is then sports week from the 16th-22nd where we will be having lots of fun! It is then world music day on the 21st of June where we have have a lovely musical circle time!



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Under Two's

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(15 months - 2 years)

Daisies

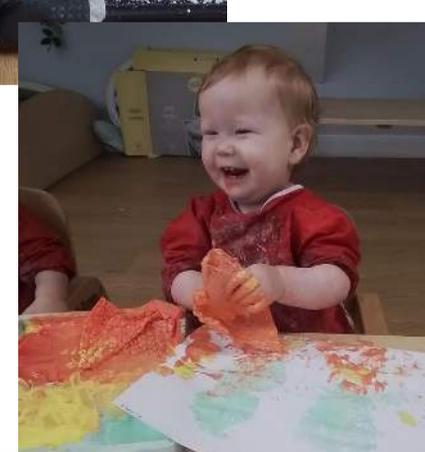
The Daisies children have been full of excitement for Mays activities. We have been taking part in all the monthly celebrations as well as the children having new activities to explore around their current interests.

There has been tuff trays and field activities based around the children's favourite nursery rhymes. This has included lots of messy play, painting and hand-eye co-ordination skills. We also learnt a new skill for bubble blowing whilst colouring in our turtle in the garden for tiny turtle. The children would dip the tube into the bubble paint then blow through it to make a bubble and splat it onto the turtle.

We have been exploring colours and matching items to the colour given. The children have explored colours through making their own playdough, painting, and walks. There was a coloured caterpillar with items to match to its body, which they all focused on and participated with. We also had an object treasure hunt in the field where the children found items off their checklist to match together. From this we also discussed what else was the same colour.

During May we explored different modes of transport. They took part in a car wash where they rolled the cars into paint and down a ramp, into the bubble water to wash off and clean. The children also made their own planes with cups and sticks to fly into targets. Becky and signing Sam also taught us some signs for transport and how we can use them in our play to communicate.

During signing we have been working on emotions and how to communicate how we feel. This is something we have been working on in Daisies to support their communication to each other and to us. We would love for you to discuss emotions with your child at home and we can share signs with you to help them use when communicating if they are unable to verbally.



(3 - 15 months)

Tulips

This month in Tulips we have been exploring in the garden and enjoying trips to the park.

We have enjoyed different activities such as water play, splashing around making bubbles and practising our tipping and pouring.

We have explored some messy play activities such as playdough, gloop, crazy foam and mark making whilst using different tools.

The tulips children have learnt different ways to make marks using crayons, chunky chalk, dabbers and paint sticks.

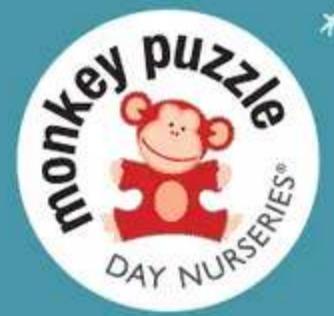
We also loved painting and have explored different sensory experiences by using our fingers as well as different tools like brushes, sponges and cutters. We also made footprints with paint to create our animals.

Tulips have loved our circle time, signing songs and doing the actions.

We have been celebrating some cultural capital events which have included: world laughter day, playing peek a boo to make each other smile and laugh. Sun awareness week where we enjoyed painting a sunshine. International nurses day, where we had a lovely time with the teddies and dolls, pretending to be doctors and look after them with bandages. World bee day was a lot of fun, we created our own pictures of them and explored the colours of bees.



Friendly reminders and upcoming events



Parent Observations Parent/home observations are a great tool for us to be able to see your child's interests at home. It is also lovely to see the things that they are achieving whilst with you!

To add an observation for the key worker to see it :

- Go to journey - Go to new - New observation

It should then pop up as a parent observation on the screen and you can add your observation along with photos and videos by clicking the camera icon. It would also be great if you could share your input into our home activities by uploading photos of your child completing these at home.

New starters:

Please can all new families make sure you have returned your registration forms to us along with a copy of your child's birth certificate and bring their red book with you to their first settle. If you have any questions about your child's room, the way we plan, assessments and more please do not hesitate to contact us by giving us a call!

Spring/Summer:

As we slowly approach the warmer weather, we ask that you start to plan ahead for your child's day at nursery. We will start to need sun hats for our walks and garden time (if they are not already at nursery) and lighter spare clothing in their bags. Please make sure there are enough changes of clothes in your child's bag so we can change them when needed.

Clothing:

Please can you make sure all clothing items are labelled with your child's name or initials so we can make sure they are returned to the correct family at the end of each session.



Global parents day – 1st June

Created in 2012, Global Day of Parents provides an opportunity to appreciate all parents for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship.

Child safety week - 2nd - 8th June

Organised by the Child Accident Prevention Trust to promote safety issues for children. The children will be learning about road safety, internet safety and staying with their carer whilst out and about.

World environment day – 8th June

The United Nations' principal event for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

Great big green week - 7th - 15th June

The Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature, celebrate the heartfelt, brave, everyday actions being taken to stand up for nature and fight climate change.

World Ocean day – 8th June

Event organised by The Ocean Project to raise awareness of the oceans and the living creatures that make their home there.

Healthy eating week – 9th - 13th June

Organised by the British Nutrition Foundation, this week aims to connect people, food and science and provide impartial, evidence-based information to people so they can adopt healthy, sustainable diets - for life.

Fathers day – 15th June

Father's Day is the celebration of fathers in the UK, the US and most of Europe and many other parts of the world. This date was chosen for Father's Day when it was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd in the US.

World music – 21st June

Also known as World Music Day or Fete de la Musique, is an annual music celebration where citizens and residents are urged to play music outside in their neighbourhoods or in public spaces and parks. The children will be making their own musical instruments.

important!

**Fathers Day
Stay and Play 230-330pm**

Tulips -6th June

Daisies -11th June



Lilies -23rd June

Bluebells -20th June

Please email Manager@monkeypuzzleastwick.co.uk to book in



your space



Upcoming Nursery events

Stay and Plays for 2025

Following on from your parent survey results, Our stay and play sessions are now one room a month. Please see below for the first 6months:

June - (Fathers Day) Tulips 6th, Daisies 11th, Lilies 23rd, Bluebells 20th
July - Tulips 1st
August - Daisies 7th
September (Grandparents day) - Tulips 25th, Daisies 17th, Lilies 15th, Bluebells 9th
October - Lilies 14th
November - Bluebells 14th
December - (Christmas) Tulips 3rd, Daisies 5th, Lilies 9th, Bluebells 17th

Please note we are releasing these dates in advance following the recent feedback from our questionnaire. We will not be taking bookings for your child's room in advance and will be waiting until we release the dates on Famly via a post.

Inset days 2025

- Tuesday 28th October 2025

On this date the nursery will be closed for staff training and reopen the following day.

PANCO - Katie

Meet Katie our nursery PANCO



What is a PANCO? - The Physical Activity and Nutrition Coordinator (PANCO) is a named and qualified member of staff. They lead on health and wellbeing throughout the nursery and champions the best practice within an early years setting. Katie supports all the rooms with activity ideas and nutrition.

Katie is going to be providing activities, quotes and advice in this section of the newsletter for you all to get involved with too!

June -

With the weather getting warmer as we come into summer, why not have a go at making some healthy ice lollies to cool down! Here are some recipes below-

tap here Fruit ice lollies

tap here Traffic light lollies



SENCOR - Nadia and Carrie

Meet Nadia and Carrie our Nursery SENCOR's. Nadia works in our 2-3's room and Carrie works in our 3-5's room.

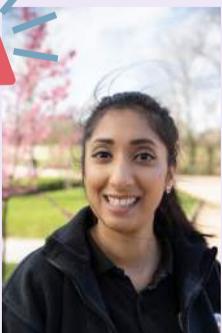
What is a SENCOR? - A special educational needs Co-ordinator (SENCOR) is a qualified member of staff who is there to support children and families at the early stages of an educational challenge in a child's development.



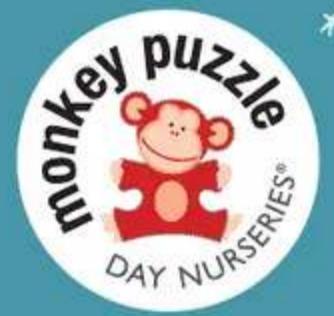
Communication champion - Navreet

Meet Navreet our Nursery communication champion.

What is a Communication champion? - A Communication Champion is a key advocate for the development of speech, language and communication for all children within an early years setting. Navreet supports all the rooms with different ways to work on the children's communication and inputs ideas into their routines when noticing a gap in an age group.

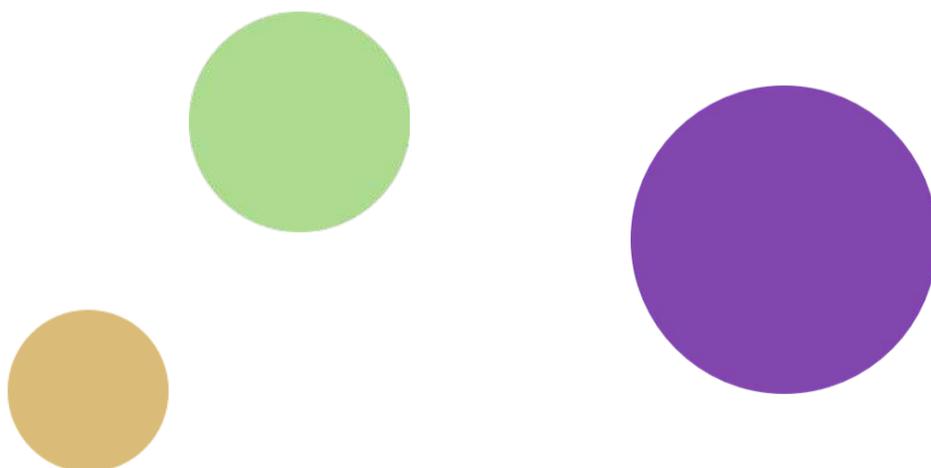


Thank you



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We are proud to announce that we have been voted in the top 20 again this year!!

