

# Nursery

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## Finches News

Hello and welcome back to everyone. Thank you to everyone for their lovely cards, gifts and festive wishes last term. We really appreciated your kindness. We hope that everyone was able to enjoy some family time over Christmas and we wish you all a very happy new year. A huge welcome to our new starters this term. It has been lovely to meet everyone and we hope that you are already feeling like part of the JP family. It is very early days, but the new children are beginning to settle into life at Nursery, and all of the children are enjoying getting to know new friends. As always, if you'd like to talk to one of us about something, please let us know via Tapestry or the school office and we will arrange a time to speak to you. Thank you for your ongoing support, and please know that we are here to support you in any way we can.

Miss Beardsley, Miss Allen, Miss Baker, Mrs Waites and Miss Edwards.

### Owl Learning Values

Challenge	Optimism
Collaboration	Pride
Independence	Perseverance
Managing Distractions	



### Rainbow Values

Forgiveness	Love
Patience	Honesty
Support	Respect
Kindness & Joy	Peace



### Reminders

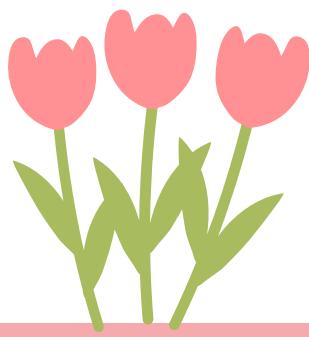
Coats: Please remember to bring a coat for your child. Coats should be warm and have hoods so children's outdoor play is not interrupted by cold or rain.

Welly Boots: You may like to keep a named pair of wellies at Nursery, or send welly boots on wet days. We do have spare wellies that can be borrowed.

Water Bottles: Your child can help themselves to drinking water throughout the session so please remember to supply a named water bottle.

Snack: You do not need to provide snack. We offer snack each day so children can choose from a selection of fruit and vegetables if they are hungry. They are also offered a cup of cow's milk, if they would like it.

Naming Belongings: Please remember to name everything, especially jumpers/cardigans, coats, hats, gloves and shoes. Items can be easily misplaced when they are taken off, but we are usually able to reunite them with the correct owner if they are named.



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### Very Important

**School Places 2025-2026.** If your child is due to start Reception in September 2026, applications are due to close soon. If you have not yet applied for a school place, you must do so by 15th January 2026.

### Term Dates

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February:**  
Spring Half-term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:**  
School re-opens, Spring Term 2

**Thursday 26th March:**  
Nursery last day of term, normal time. Please note that the rest of the school finish at 1.30pm on Friday 27th March.

**Monday 13th April:**  
School re-opens, Summer Term 1

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May:**  
Bank Holiday, School Closed

**Monday 25th - Friday 29th May:**  
Summer Half-term

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:**  
School re-opens, Summer 2

**Wednesday 15th July:**  
Nursery last day of term

Please note, as usual, the rest of the school finish the following Friday 17th at 1.30pm.

### Important Dates

**w/b 5th January:**  
New children transition week

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January:**  
BilinguaSing classes restart (Please note, for those families who have signed up directly with Cari only.)

**Thursday 15th January:**  
Bracknell Forest closing date for school applications

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January:**  
Pause Day - World Religion Day

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January:**  
Glow walk

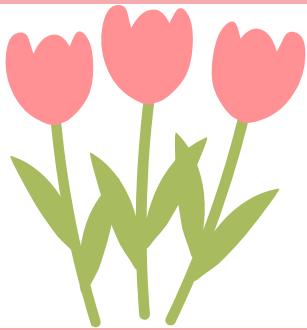
**w/b 9<sup>th</sup> February:**  
Children's Mental Health Week  
Parents evening

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February:**  
E-safety/Safer Internet Day

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February:**  
Pause Day - Ramadan

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February:**  
Valentines Day

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February:**  
Chinese New Year  
Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)



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## Things To Do At Home to Help Your Child:

### Developing Fine Motor Skills

1. Peeling fruit such as bananas and satsumas.
2. Filling ice cube tray by spooning or pouring water.
3. Washing the dishes and wringing out the sponge.
4. Helping to peg out the washing.
5. Sorting socks and pegging together in pairs.

### Developing Gross Motor Skills

1. Mix cooking ingredients together in a large bowl
2. Wiping down a table or counter top.
3. Helping to fold larger items such as towels or sheets.
4. Sweeping the floor with a broom.
5. Using a large sponge to wash the windows or cars



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### Nursery Spring Term 1: Every Child An Artist

Week	Key Topics for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1	New Year 2026 - Relationships, Rules and Routines	New children transitioning into Nursery
Week 2	'Draw Me A Star' Eric Carle The arts: Drawing	12 <sup>th</sup> January: Bilingual re-starts (for those who have booked) 16 <sup>th</sup> January: Pause day
Week 3	'Colours, Colours Everywhere' Julia Donaldson The arts: Painting	21 <sup>st</sup> January: Glow Walk
Week 4	The arts: Junk modelling	
Week 5	The arts: Sculpture	
Week 6	Lunar New Year 'The Great Race' The arts: Performance (Dragon/Lion Dance) Cooking – Spring Rolls	Children's Mental Health Week 10 <sup>th</sup> February: E-safety/Safer Internet Day 13 <sup>th</sup> February: Pause Day 14 <sup>th</sup> February: Valentines Day 17 <sup>th</sup> February: Chinese New Year Parents evenings