



Nursery management news

We are very pleased that one of our Deputy Senior Managers, Stacey Chester, will soon be returning to nursery following her maternity leave for her second daughter. It will be great to have her back although she has been in touch throughout her mat leave. Her youngest daughter will join us at Walshaw as well.

We are very lucky that many members of our team (including our managers) have worked for Mulberry Bush for many years and have often worked together at some point in their careers. The result is a team that works together to support and help each other out rather than five different, competing teams.

We are pleased to welcome back Amy Kay from maternity leave for her second daughter. She has returned to manage our **Walshaw** nursery working 4 days a week, alongside Gemma Drewitt who will continue to be based at Walshaw two days per week as job share manager, and will spend the three days per week job sharing with Shouna Krupnyckyj, Nursery Manager at **Dumers Lane**. They are assisted by their deputy manager Laura Grimes and trainee deputy manager, Ciara Melly Kelly Battersby Walshaw's trainee deputy manager.

Sarah Lake is the manager at our **Whitefield** nursery, supported by Sarah Johnson as deputy manager. Our **Tottington** nursery management team is Stacie Cotter as manager and Sam Pickup as deputy manager. At **Walmersley** our management team is Sarah Mather and Lucy Catherall who job share the manager role, with Gemma Lawrence as their deputy manager.

Please do regularly find time to pop into the nursery offices and have a chat with our friendly and approachable management teams, they are always keen to talk to parents.

Transition to school

The transition from nursery to primary school can be rather daunting for parents as well as the children and we aim to make this move as smooth as possible. For the last couple of months, the home corner areas of our pre-school units have been turned into classrooms with a variety of different uniforms for the children to try on and lunch boxes etc. We have also been discussing schools at group time to familiarise children as much as we can.

The reception teachers of the local primary schools will be visiting our nurseries to meet the children in familiar surroundings. Our Pre-school team have previously also visited the local schools and, with permission, taken photographs of the teacher, classroom, dinner hall and playground and made a booklet which helps the children visualise what their new surroundings will be like.

Most primary schools also offer the opportunity for children to go into the school with parents for a guided tour or reading session. If you have any concerns about your child moving on to school and feel that we might be able to help, please let us know. Each pre-school unit has a list displayed so you can see which children will be moving on to which primary school to help you and your child know who they will already know at big school.

As you will be aware, when children leave nursery for primary school, we sometimes need to process refunds of nursery fees, especially when children leave mid-month. We always do these as quickly as possible, but they are time consuming. We wanted to let you know that during the summer months, refunds are likely to take a little longer to process due to the sheer numbers of them. We aim to process all refunds within four weeks of children ceasing to attend.

Leavers' parties

Many of our pre-school children have been with us from being young babies. Time seems to go so fast and it's hard to believe they'll be off to school in September. We are sure that they will all settle into their new schools very quickly and continue to enjoy their learning experiences. We hope they all will enjoy their leavers' parties at nursery and we will do our best to make their last few weeks with us as memorable as possible! Please speak to the Pre-school team to ask the date of your child's party.

Leaving dates

Please let us know about the date on which your child will be leaving nursery this summer. This will allow us to calculate your final payment for nursery fees, taking into account your original two week deposit. Prior notice of leaving dates also allows us to keep those on the waiting list informed of a possible start date. We require four weeks' notice of children's change in attendance, including notice to end their place at nursery. Please complete a *Change of Attendance* form which you can get from the nursery or can print from our website (Parent Area / Useful Forms).

Viewing Morning – Saturday 17th June



VIEWING MORNING
SATURDAY 17TH JUNE 2023
CONTACT US TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT



LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR SEPTEMBER


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Outstanding Children

AT TOTTINGTON, WALSHAW AND WALMERSLEY, SIGN UP BEFORE FRIDAY 23RD JUNE & WE'LL WAIVE £50 ADMIN FEE & YOUR FIRST WEEK'S FEES!

Our Tottington, Walshaw, Walmersley and Dumers Lane Nurseries will be holding a viewing morning on Saturday 17th June.

If you know of any families who are considering joining our Mulberry Bush family in the Autumn and would like the opportunity to come and view our beautiful nurseries, please ask them to get in touch to arrange a viewing as soon as possible, as places are limited.

CHARITY WEEK - Be Whoever You Want To Be!

We held the most brilliant charity week this May!

We have held an annual charity event every year since 1990, raising over £145,000 for more than 50 charities! This year we have been supporting 3 fantastic causes which mean a lot of us at Mulberry Bush, Wood Street Mission, The Good Life Orphanage and Bury Hospice

WOOD STREET MISSION has supported children and families across Manchester and Salford since the charity began in 1869. We have supported their Christmas toy appeal for many years and would now like to support their Childhood Experiences Project to give children experiences that they might not otherwise have. Such as trips to the theatre, climbing centres or theme parks.

The GOOD LIFE ORPHANAGE was set up in 2008 by Mary and Kevin Maguire as a non-profit organisation with every single penny raised going directly to the project. They built an orphanage which now cares for over 100 children and we have been supporting the GLO since 2008 and each of our nurseries sponsors a child in the orphanage.

BURY HOSPICE provides invaluable palliative and end-of-life care to thousands of patients and their families across Bury. Their services include a specialist 24-hour inpatient unit, medical and respite facilities, complementary therapies, family bereavement support, and a community outreach team who service the needs of patient and families in their own homes.



Please help us to make our final total raised as impressive as possible by returning sponsor forms to the nursery office together with all monies raised by Friday 16th June 2023 or alternatively use the QR code above or visit www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mulberrybushcharityweek2023 to donate online.

BLOOM Baby Classes

We are very excited to be hosting baby classes by **Bloom Baby** starting in June at our Dumers Lane nursery. (Bloom Bolton South and Bury)

The classes will take place on Tuesday mornings for 6 weeks starting on 6th June. At 9.30am will be Caterpillar Club for 0-6 month old babies and at 10.30am Busy Bees for 6-15 month babies. There are only 10 spaces available and we are sure they will get booked up fast!

Please visit:

<https://bloombabyclasses.com/.../dumers-lane-coming-soon.../>

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Parent Workshop – Understanding & supporting children’s emotional well being & behaviour

We have a handful of places left on our annual parent workshop about understanding and supporting children’s emotional well being and behaviour. The workshop will be delivered by our external behaviour management and parenting specialist, Vicki Morgan and takes place on Tuesday 20th June from 6pm – 8.30pm at our Walshaw nursery (BL8 1SU).

The training focuses on building parent-child relationships, praise and rewards, descriptive commentary, positive strategies, setting limits/rules and supporting children’s emotions. Please speak to a member of your nursery management team to book one of the remaining spaces – the cost is £20 per person. Our Senior Manager, Stacey Kenyon will also be attending the in person workshop and will be available to support and offer advice to parents should they need it.

Vacancies

Despite lots of our pre-school children leaving to start school in September the nurseries only have **very** limited vacancies for September and beyond due to children on the waiting lists. If you would like a place for your child’s younger sibling or want to increase your child’s days of attendance,

please ask a member of the management team for an enrolment form as soon as possible and ask them what the exact availability is like in your nursery so that you can plan.

Events

It's been a really busy time in nursery celebrating lots of events and enjoying fun activities over the last few weeks. We've had visits from emergency services, learnt about road safety awareness, enjoyed Coronation parties, brushed our teeth for National Smile Month and we have Mental Health Awareness Week, Pride Week and lots more planned for the summer months ahead!





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