



Mulberry Bush Nursery - Summer Newsletter 2026

FANCY DRESS CHARITY WEEK 8th – 12th June



From Monday 8th June, we'll be celebrating our annual Charity Week with a fun-filled Fancy Dress Week across all 5 nurseries! Children are invited to come dressed as their favourite character - or anything they'd love to be! Children can look forward to a week packed with fun activities and special visitors, including appearances from Winnie the Pooh, Iggle Piggle and Catboy!

We have held an annual charity event every year since 1990, raising well over £165,000 for well over 50 different charities! Families and friends are invited to support the event by sponsoring children throughout the week, with all funds raised going towards two important causes.

We are raising money to replace the 5 defibrillators which are located outside each of our nurseries. Unfortunately, replacement pads and batteries for the current devices are no longer available, meaning the units now need to be fully replaced to ensure they can continue helping to save lives in the future.

The defibrillators can be accessed not only by nursery staff and families, but also by members of the surrounding community in the event of an emergency.

In addition, part of the funds raised will once again support the Good Life Orphanage in Kenya, continuing a longstanding partnership that Mulberry Bush Nursery has proudly supported every year since the orphanage was first established.

If you would like to support our fundraising, donations can be made in nursery or via our JustGiving page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mulberrybushnurserycharityweek2026>

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Nursery vacancies

All of our nurseries are extremely busy with only very limited vacancies. 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. Meeting the needs of our existing families is our priority.

Events

As ever, it's been a really busy time in nursery celebrating lots of events and enjoying fun activities over the last few weeks, enjoying the lovely sunshine. We've had visits from emergency services, brushed our teeth for National Smile Month and we have Mental Health Awareness Week, Pride Month and lots more planned for the summer ahead! Here are just some of many photos that are on our Mulberry Bush Facebook page which give you an idea of what we get up to at nursery!



Bury College Award

We were very pleased to be named as Bury College's Apprenticeship Employer Star Award winner this year. Bury College said "We've been working closely with Mulberry Bush for many years supporting them in hiring and training childcare apprentices. They are a wonderful employer and truly embrace our apprentices' ideas, passion and enthusiasm. Thank you and well done Mulberry Bush!"

We have a great relationship with Bury College with our own dedicated tutors who come out to our nurseries to assess our apprentices. Training the next generation of childcare professionals has been a fantastic way to strengthen our team, teaching them the Mulberry Bush way from the start.



Leaving dates Supporting Children's Emotional Well-being Refresher Training

Over the last 4 weeks every member of our MB team has attended our 'Supporting children's emotional wellbeing' training refresher. The training is delivered by our external parenting specialist, Vicki Morgan. Vicki has been delivering training to our team for over 10 years.

The training focuses on building adult-child relationships, praise and rewards, descriptive commentary, positive strategies, setting limits/rules/values and supporting children's big emotions.



At nursery we care and nurture your little ones. We provide a safe place for them to learn and grow. Each child is valued and listened to. Our team make wonderful connections with our children showing professional love whilst in loco parentis (Latin phrase meaning in the place of a parent).

Transition to school

It's that time of year again when we start to anticipate our eldest children heading off to primary school on the next step of their learning journey. We know that the transition from nursery to primary school can be daunting for parents as well as 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).

Heatwave

We hope you've all had a lovely sunny bank holiday weekend! No doubt there will be more hot weather to come over the next few weeks. On hot summer days, we ask that your children are as lightly dressed as possible, with their shoulders are covered. Thin, light-coloured T-shirts work well. Please don't put vests on babies, as we will be stripping babies down to their nappies to keep them cool where necessary.

We will, as always, be regularly applying sun cream and offering cool water to drink more frequently than usual, as well as monitoring how much water children are drinking. We may still take children outside for short periods of outdoor play, but of course avoiding the middle of the day and keeping in the shade. We will serve (no sugar) ice pops to children as a really good way of cooling down and increasing fluid intake.

Our uniform policy will be relaxed for our team, it's important that they stay cool too! As you know, our team are all first aid trained and know what to look out for in relation to heat stroke and heat exhaustion



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