



Dear Parents, Welcome to the September 2025 edition of our MFN Newsletter! Our Newsletters are compiled and distributed two times a year during the months of January and September, with the aim of keeping you fully informed of our Nursery events as well as our ongoing progress and achievements.

Our Newsletter notifications are sent via email, so please ensure that we have your preferred email address for all our Nursery notices!

2025 Christmas Celebration

This year's celebration will be held on Thursday 11th December. This event is for all of our children and parents (regardless of days of attendance). For Health and Safety however, we must limit the attendance to two adults per family. Full details will be posted on our "Events" webpage soon!

Christmas Holiday Closure

The Nursery will be closing on Wednesday 24th December 2025 at 1:00pm and reopening on Monday 5th January 2026 at 8:00am. Please remember that the full 2025/26 Nursery Holiday Breaks are available to view on the Nursery website.

Signing In/Out Reminder

Please remember to sign your child/children in and out each day for Safeguarding as well as Fire and Safety reasons. It is important that you sign in immediately on arrival, and sign out just as you are leaving. Should you have a relative or child-minder dropping off/collecting your child, please also remind them to ensure that they sign your child in/out.

Children's Bedding & Clothing

All parents are reminded to provide suitable bedding such as a fitted cot sheet, a blanket to cover with during cold weather or a padded sleep suit

if desired. Remember to clearly label your child's bedding and clothing, otherwise you may have to visit the lost property box on a regular basis! Also, please do not forget to collect bedding for laundering at the end of each week and return them for use the following week.

Please remember to text or call the **Nursery Mobile (07903 883882)** as the first means of communication if:

- your child will be arriving later than usual
- your child will be absent for the day (please try to notify us by 11:00am)
- you are running late (or later than usual) to collect your child.

If in an emergency you require an alternative adult to collect your child, then please send an email providing a password and the full name of the adult collecting. You will also need to inform the adult collecting that the password AND their Photo ID must be presented on arrival at the Nursery.

Weekly Menus are sent out via email on Monday mornings so that you are kept informed of what your child has to eat when at Nursery. If your child has an alternative meal or any concerns arise in relation to mealtime, this will be recorded in your communication book/sheet.

Notifications of dietary requirements or allergens must continue to be sent in via email so that your child's needs can be added to our "Dietary Requirements/Allergens List" which is then given to our chef and made known to all room Staff.

Weekly menus are also displayed on the Parents' Notice Board on your left as you enter the Nursery hallway. All meals are freshly prepared daily on the premises by our wonderful Chef. A fresh fruit medley is served to all children every morning and water is freely made available throughout the day.

MFN Birthday Cake Reminder

As there are a number of children with differing dietary requirements and allergies, we cannot receive or distribute cakes that are brought in by parents. However, MFN happily bakes birthday cakes on site so as to ensure that all children can partake of their peer's birthday celebration!

So a big HOORAY as the birthday fun continues (and at no extra cost to the parent!) Please let your child's Room Leader know if you do **NOT** want your child to have a birthday cake and/or a celebration.

Sick children Policy & Procedures

As per our Sick Child Policy, if a child is unwell at the Nursery, the child's parent/carer will be contacted to collect the child immediately.

Please remember that children should be kept home for a minimum of 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhoea and 24hrs following the introduction of antibiotics (as they could experience a reaction to the medication during this period). We thank you for your cooperation as we strive for the well-being of all your little ones in our care.

Booking Extra Sessions?

If you need to book any extra half day or any full day sessions, you will need to complete a booking form which can be found on the Parents Notice Boards, as well as on the "Nursery Fees" page on our website. Spaces tend to be limited, so we encourage you to book early. Once we've confirmed your booking, payment of the extra session(s) is to be made within seven days. Please note, no refunds will be issued for cancellations or absence of any sort; pre-booked days cannot be swapped.

In case of emergency please text the Nursery Mobile (**07903 883 882**) and we will get back to you as quickly as possible to confirm whether your child is able to attend).



Parents' Notice Boards

We have TWO Parents' Notice Boards. When you enter the Nursery hallway, the first Notice Board is on the wall to your right. Walk forward a few steps and the second Notice Board can be found on the wall on your left, just as you're approaching the Little Explorers Toddlers Room. The Notice Boards keep parents updated on a wide range of important information. Be sure you check them out when you're next passing by!

MFN Space Availability

Our latest predictions are as follows:

- Budding Discoverers Baby Room: FULL with very limited availability remaining for spaces commencing September 2026 through to January 2027
- Little Explorers Toddlers Room: Limited Spaces Currently Available
- Keen Investigators Pre-School Room: FULL with further availability very unlikely before September 2028

We currently have 14 families on our Waiting List for children of varying ages and start date requirements from later this year up to May 2027.

If you have a little one on the way, contact the Admin Team for a Pre-Registration Pack. Once completed and returned, we will add Baby to our Waiting List right away. Spaces for siblings are prioritised as much as possible, but if left too late, there may be nothing more we can do.

Safeguarding: Use of Toilets

Please remember that neither parents nor guardians are permitted to use the Nursery toilets (unless in an emergency and in this case a member of staff MUST be informed prior to). If a child needs to use the toilet (or have a nappy changed) whilst dropping off / collecting, parents are then required to ask a member of staff to carry out this task. Please understand this is for the purpose of safeguarding each of our children.

Tax-Free Childcare

Did you know you can get up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare? If you get Tax-Free Childcare, the government will pay £2 for every £8 you pay your childcare provider via an online account. **You can use it to pay your monthly Nursery fees, and you can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as the 30hr Funding if you're eligible for both.** MFN is signed up to Tax Free Childcare, so why not go online now, and check your eligibility at: www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

Universal 15hr Funding

MFN will automatically enrol your child for the Universal 15hr Funding the term *after* they turn 3yrs old. We will email the paperwork you will need to complete at the end of the term when your little one turns three.

Free Early Education Entitlement (30hr Funding)

Eligible working parents of children aged 9ms upwards could receive 30 hours funded childcare. You can check if you are eligible to receive the funded childcare by visiting: <https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

Are You Using Yours?

All children aged 0-30mths will each have their own communication books. In this book, details of your child's day (inclusive of activities, meals eaten, general well-being) will be recorded and the book made ready for your collection each day, therefore minimising time spent on verbal feedback during your collection time.

Do read through your child/children's communication book in the evenings and write any comments that you wish to add, as it's very important that we hear from you too! You are very welcome to

add any events that may take place whilst your child's not at nursery such as their first step, first word, a rough night, feeling poorly, or even how their weekend away went, etc.

This communication book can be used to form a journal and a lovely keepsake if you wish but do remember to return your communication book each time you bring your child to Nursery!

This initiative is not to suggest that you cannot speak with your child's key person if you have any queries or concerns about your child. We simply desire to try and avoid long queues and/or feelings of hecticness upon your arrival. We want your collection time to be a relaxed and enjoyable experience as possible.

CAN YOU HELP?

MFN Website Testimonials: Thank you for all the kind words of encouragement that you share with us from time to time; knowing you're happy keeps us happy! We would love it if you could take another moment of your time to leave your views on our Testimonials webpage at www.MyFavouriteNursery.org.uk/the-nursery/testimonials and tell everyone how you feel about the atmosphere and quality of care you have experienced at MFN recently.

We can't wait to hear from you!

2026 Nursery Information

Our full 2026 Nursery Holiday Breaks and 2026 Nursery Events Calendar are available to view on our Nursery website. Don't forget to bookmark / print / download yours!

We hope you've enjoyed this edition of our Newsletter and found it to be a good means of communication to help keep you up to date with all that's happening at our Favourite Nursery! Please feel free to submit any queries or comments to: info@MyFavouriteNursery.org.uk

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