



*Welcome to our Summer term Everybody and a big hello to our new starters!*

*New team members Lisa, Sophie and Alicia will be joining the Sparrows this term. We hope they enjoy the lovely vibe that is the buzz of Bishops Manor!*

*We have amended our lunch policy to give you the option of hot meals or pack ups. Unfortunately we are not able to offer a mixed option so it needs to be one or the other. Please speak to a member of staff if you'd like to change your current meal arrangement.*

*Phone numbers are*

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*Church Hall (Robins, Chicks, Office) 01430 434769*

*We are constantly reflecting on our practice, if you have any feedback or suggestions on how we can improve please let us know.*



## **Chicks News** - *We have introduced a colour of the week in*

*our chicks room. Each week we have an exploratory tray, which will have all things relating to our chosen colour. Our book of the term is The Hungry Caterpillar, we will be learning the story and hope to have our very own caterpillars towards the end of May! We will be focusing on simple counting this term too, we plan to use each child's interest to begin to introduce counting games, starting with 1,2,3! Outside, we love the water, last week it was green, just like our colour of the week!*

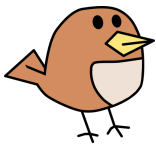
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## **Robins News** - *The Robins are really interested in sensory play.*



*Playdough, paint, gloop, water, anything they can get their hands into is just fab! Outside they enjoy chasing games, in particular, one where they are the police and they have to catch the staff and put them in jail! The new climbing equipment is a big hit and just the right size for their little legs. This term we will be looking at the life cycle of a frog, we have some frogs spawn being delivered soon and aim to set up an interest table around this. Staff help children develop important skills such as communication, independence and turn taking through the use of modelling, nurturing, supporting and praising. To reinforce and assist we use visuals such as pictures, objects and timers. We are consistent and repetitive in our practice which helps the children to grow and develop happily and confidently at a pace that suits them.*

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## **Sparrow News**

*We set up our role play room as home because we want to provide a comfortable learning environment where children feel safe and familiar. However, it does get regular makeovers. Last week it was a superhero headquarters with dressing up in the bedroom, missions to solve and people to save in the living room and kitchen. This week the kitchen is a cafe serving fruit and vegetables that we cut up ourselves. We use different sized pans and we discuss weights and measures. The babies are cared for in this space too, they sleep and dress in the bedroom, they read stories and complete jigsaws in the living room. It's such a versatile area, much like your homes!*

*This term we are focusing on Spring and all the newness it brings. We will look at animals, flowers, life cycles and start to develop some planting areas in our garden. We will find out how to care for our environment and the creatures in it.*

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### Ideas for Home Learning

**Read a book** - does your child have a favourite book? Do you read it every day? Switch it up! Can they tell you the story? Let them use the pictures to tell you what happens, they could make up their own story from the pictures too. Can they tell you about the characters and what they do? Which character do they like most? Which character would they be? For the younger ones, they can point to the pictures as you name the objects and characters, keep talking, all that lovely language is being listened to!

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Is there wildlife around you? - you can encourage caring for wildlife and the environment at home or in your community. Pile up some logs, bricks, stones and leaves in a corner of your garden for the bugs to take up home. Make a hole in your fence and call it a "hedgehog highway" make a sign together and pop a bowl of water next to it! Feed the birds by threading some cheerios on a piece of string and hanging them in a tree. Plant some wildflower seeds for the bees to enjoy. If you don't have a garden you can still join in. Put the seeds in a pot on your windowsill, attach the bird feeder to your window. Maybe you could go on a bug hunt in the park or at the marsh. Take some photos and pop them on EYLOG for us to share with each other.

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## Upcoming Events

Library Visits continue for Robins and Sparrows - Mondays and Wednesdays

Art 4 All Weekend 20-21st April - a celebration of Art across the town. On Saturday Bishops Manor will be displaying some sensory art work created by ourselves. Hannah will be running a stay and play type session with activities and refreshments to enjoy so please pop in and say hello!

LAMB VISITS - the lambs from Yorkshire Lamb Orphanage will be calling in to see us on the following days. If it is not your usual session, please feel free to pop along with your child so they can meet them.

**ROBINS/CHICKS - Weds 1st May 10am**

**SPARROWS - Thurs 2nd May 2pm**

Thursday 9th May - Sparrows visit to the Nursing Home

Stay and Play Week - ROBINS/CHICKS - 20th-24th May - Mon-Fri 9-10am - A chance for you to come and play, see what we do and have a chat with your child's keyworker about their progress. If it's not your child's usual session but would still like to pop in for a play and a chat please do.

Pre-School Summer Fayre - Saturday 8th June 2-4pm - we are planning a fun afternoon for you to enjoy with your children whilst raising some vital funds for our pre-schools. More details to come!

Sparrows Graduation - details to follow, save the date! - Tuesday 16th July 2pm

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

CLOTHES AND SHOES- Please ensure your child comes well equipped for their day. Please provide indoor shoes/slippers. Children have their own box in which they can keep all their belongings, however things do sometimes get mixed up so we ask you to name everything you send in with your child. Bags should contain a change of clothes including socks, pants, nappies and wipes (if needed), and a water bottle. No medication or creams should be kept in bags.

Aprons/Old Clothes We do encourage children to wear aprons during messy activities, however we cannot force them to, nor can we stop them from taking part, therefore we ask that you dress them in clothes you don't mind getting dirty. Pre-school t-shirts and jumpers can be purchased at £8 and £12

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## Term Dates

Monday 6th May - Closed

Friday 24 th May - Pre-school Closes

Tues 28th - Friday 31st May - Holiday Club - please note we are closed on the Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd June - Pre-School Opens

Friday 19th July - Pre-School Closes

Monday 22nd July - Summer Holiday Club commences

Monday 2nd September - CLOSED to all

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Places are filling fast, please book your Holiday Clubs and September Spaces NOW to avoid disappointment.

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