



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Spring 1 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas feels like a very long time ago now as we are well into our new term and our children are back into the swing of nursery. A big welcome and thank you goes to our new children and families who have settled in so well.

I would just like to take the opportunity to give some general information, especially for our new families.

### General Information:

- Snack money is £1 a week or you can pay in full for the half term/full term
- We open the gates at 8.30am, 9am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm. If you arrive outside of these times there will not be a member of nursery staff available to collect your child so please stick to the opening times
- Library books are now going home every week. Please return these in your child's book bag on their first day back each week. Please use iTrack to share the great work that you are doing at home and to let us know if your child enjoyed the book
- Dinners are available at £1.95 per day or, alternatively, please send in a healthy, balanced packed lunch
- All fees and dinner money **MUST** be paid in advance. We don't like having to send reminder texts or to have difficult conversations with families and I'm sure you don't like to be asked!
- Uniform should be worn when your child attends. At least one set of spare clothes should be left in nursery, including underwear and socks in case of accidents. Your child's name **MUST** be in everything!
- We will provide unlimited drinks, we do not allow water bottles
- If your child is not toilet trained, please keep them in nappies (not pull ups) for nursery
- No dummies or bottles are allowed on our nursery site. Advice from speech and language therapists is that 2,3, and 4 year olds do not need a dummy or bottle. If you choose to do this, please only allow this at bedtime. Your child may struggle to settle in nursery to be comforted if they use their dummy or bottle at home
- You will all have been provided with a login for ParentPay and iTrack. Please login to both.
- iTrack will have important information regarding what your child is learning and give you the opportunity to share pictures from home

As part of our Religious Education curriculum, this term we are learning about **Celebrations and Gathering**. Reminder, if you would like to get your child baptised, please go along to Mass on a Sunday (10am) and Father David will provide you with the information you need to prepare.

If your child turns 4 before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026, you should have applied for a school place. You will be informed of your child's school in April by your Local Authority. If you have not completed an application, please get in touch **as a matter of urgency**.

If you have a younger child or family member who would like a place in our nursery, please fill in an application form to go onto our waiting list. Thankfully, we have been really successful here at St Brigid's nursery but it does mean that we are oversubscribed. It is never too early to fill in a form for the future. If you want to check if you are eligible for funding please use



<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> or <https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/> Please remember to inform us of any change in circumstances regarding your funding or request for hours, the more notice you can give us the easier it is to try to meet your requests.

### Supporting your child

We really value our relationships with parents/carers and want to support you in any way we can. We have many parents/carers who are struggling with issues around behaviour, sleep, sensory needs, communication or are concerned about Autism or ADHD. Advanced solutions are a community network who support you in understanding your child's needs. Please do access their website and use this service. <https://addvancesolutions.co.uk/services-for-families/families-in-knowsley/#courses>  
Knowsley has sites such as Hilltop, Jubilee and Stockbridge Village Children's Centre on our doorstep. They offer many courses, shared experiences for you and your child or even an opportunity to meet with other parents and have a cup of tea. Please check their websites or phone 0151 443 5633 for more information <https://knowsleyearlyyears.co.uk/startforlife-timetable/>

As always, we will be learning about **Chinese New Year** which will be celebrated from Feb 17<sup>th</sup> 2026. Liverpool always celebrates this with fantastic experiences; this year the celebrations will take place during the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> February.



### Butterflies

- It has been lovely to welcome the new children to the setting and those who have transitioned from the Caterpillar Room
- We continue to learn **Phonics**, Phase 1. This helps to identify sounds to prepare us to learn the alphabet and to read. You can help your child by singing rhymes, identifying sounds such as animals, vehicles and voices.
- As part of our Winter topic we have read the book **Snowball** and discussed changes that happen in winter, we have been on a winter walk, experimented with blocks of ice, tasted hot chocolate and sorted hot and cold objects
- We have read The Three Little Pigs story, drawn the pigs, built using crates, blocks and sticks and acted out the story
- We have learnt some new songs and rhymes including the **A Little White Snowman, The Three Little Pigs, Chinese Dragon and One Potato-Two Potato, 5 currant buns and Zoom, zoom, zoom.**

The rest of this term we will be focusing on **The Gingerbread Man** and **Chinese New Year** – please check iTrack for updates

### Caterpillars

- Our new friends are settling in so well
- We continue to enjoy **Bucket Therapy** and **Wellcomm** to support our listening, attention and communication skills
- We have read **We're Going on a Bear Hunt**, we are joining in with the actions and repeating the main phrases such as "We're going on a bear hunt, we're going to catch a big one"
- We have tasted Pombears and honey with breadsticks as part of **Taste it Tuesday**
- We have learnt some new songs and rhymes including **Incy wincy spider, Hickory dickory dock, Five little ducks and Five little men in a flying saucer**
- We are learning to share and play with our friends
- Some of us are toilet training



The rest of this term we will be focusing on **Dinosaur Roar** and **Chinese New Year** – please check iTrack for updates.



## Important Dates

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	St Brigid's celebration day	Children to wear our uniform and add something green (socks, bobble, jumper)
Week of 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Parent meetings for January starters	Staff will organise a date and time that suits you
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Number day	Can wear a number/spots on their uniform Caterpillar room – bring an apple to compare heaviest/lightest Butterfly room – bring a pear to compare heaviest/lightest
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Nursery closes for half term	

## HALF TERM

Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Nursery opens	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year	Special dinner menu
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Children to bring a favourite book – Please note we <b>DO NOT</b> dress up
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	Children to wear our uniform and add something red (socks, bobble, jumper)
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Nursery closes for Easter	

## EASTER HOLIDAYS

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Nursery opens
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Thank you for your continued support.

## Mrs S Richards

(Early Years Lead & Senior Assistant Head)