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Early Years Weekly Newsletter

☀️ WELCOME TO OUR WEEKLY EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER ☀️

Good Afternoon Parents and Carers,

I hope this message finds you well and looking forward to the weekend.

It has been a busy and exciting week at nursery, filled with lots of learning, creativity, and fun. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in Children in Need activities, dressing in yellow, and taking part in Pudsey-themed games and crafts. We also marked Remembrance Day, where the children explored the significance of this important day, created beautiful poppies, and reflected on the theme of remembrance in an age-appropriate way.

Adding to the fun, we celebrated Odd Socks Day, which brought lots of smiles and laughter. The children explored different colours and patterns, matched socks, and discussed how everyone is unique, reinforcing important messages about diversity and individuality.

As the weather turns colder and wetter, we kindly remind parents and carers that children who are walking should have a named wetsuit and wellies kept at nursery. This ensures that they can continue to enjoy outdoor exploration comfortably, safely, and warmly, even in wet conditions.

Thank you as always for your continued support. Your partnership helps us create a nurturing, engaging, and safe environment where every child can thrive.

Warm regards,

Emma Jones
Pepperberry Day Nursery Manager &
Head of Early Years
Pepperberry Day Nurseries Limited
Auckland House Day Nursery





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Meet the Team

*MEET AMELIA WINDSOR –
EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER AT
AUCKLAND HOUSE DAY NURSERY*



Hi, I'm Amelia! I'm a qualified Level 6 Early Years Practitioner at Auckland House, and I joined the nursery in April 2024. I work in the Baby Room, where I have the wonderful opportunity to support our youngest children as they begin their learning journey. I have a real passion for sensory play and love creating engaging, hands-on experiences that stimulate the babies' curiosity and help them explore the world around them. Whether it's through messy play, music, textures, or creative activities, I enjoy watching the children's excitement as they discover new things each day. Building strong, nurturing relationships with the babies is something I value deeply. Outside of work, I love spending quality time with my friends and family, and I'm always looking for new places to visit.

*MEET LENA ZARADKIEWICZ –
EARLY YEARS APPRENTICE AT
PEPPERBERRY DAY NURSERY*



My name is Lena, and I am currently a Level 2 apprentice at Pepperberry, working in the 2-3 unit. I have over a year of experience working with children in a nursery setting, during which I have built many strong bonds with the children and gained valuable knowledge about their development. I have learned how children grow and learn at their own pace and have developed a wide range of skills to support their individual needs. Being part of their daily routines and seeing their progress has been incredibly rewarding, as it allows me to contribute meaningfully to their growth and development.

Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and going on adventures. One of my favorite quotes is, "Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building knowledge and skills they eventually require for learning to read," as I strongly believe that nurturing children's thinking and imagination supports their learning journey. Working with children is both intriguing and fulfilling; I love helping them develop and enhance their skills and witnessing how proud they become when they achieve milestones they have been working towards. Each day brings new opportunities to inspire and guide them, making my role as an apprentice truly rewarding.



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Next Week at a Glance

Rhyme Time

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are!

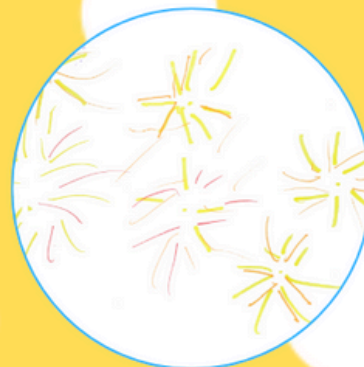
Activities to try at home

- ✳ Go outside and look for stars twinkling in the night sky.
- ✳ Read stories about night, day and bedtime e.g. **Goodnight Buster** by Rob Campbell or **Maisy's Bedtime** by Lucy Cousins.
- ✳ Cut star shapes out of playdough.
- ✳ Let your child make their own starry night pictures using materials such as black or dark blue paint, glitter and tin foil.
- ✳ Explore light and dark by making a den using dark coloured fabric. Add some twinkling fairy lights as 'stars'.
- ✳ Use a torch to explore light, dark and shadows.

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Communications



Pepperberry Christmas Closure Dates

Closed from -
Wednesday 24th December 2025

Open from -
Monday 5th January 2026



Auckland Christmas Closure Dates

Closed from -
Wednesday 24th December 2025

Open from -
Friday 2nd January 2026



On Friday 14th November, we celebrated Children in Need! We came dressed in their spotty, yellow or Children in Need-themed outfits, and we enjoyed lots of exciting activities throughout the day. We created our own spotted bandanas using bright, colourful paint, helping us practise our fine motor skills. The children explored a vibrant pom-pom Pudsey bear tuff tray, made their own masks, and decorated bears with a range of creative materials. It was a fun, hands-on day full of colour, creativity and teamwork!





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What we have been doing...

PEPPARBERRY DAY NURSERIES



This week our rhyme of the week was "Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer." The children really enjoyed joining in with the song and taking part in a hands-on counting activity. As we sang, the children took turns removing a little man from the flying saucer and counting how many were left, helping to build early number skills in a fun and engaging way. We also explored a space-themed tuff tray filled with bright colours, interesting textures, and sparkly materials for the children to touch, sort, and investigate. The children designed and decorated their own planets, using a variety of collage materials to create unique, imaginative worlds.



Today we celebrated Remembrance Day with a variety of creative and sensory activities. The children explored a poppy-themed Tuff Tray filled with coloured rice and oats, enjoying the textures while learning about the meaning of the poppy. They also had fun painting and collaging their own poppies, developing their creativity and fine motor skills as they reflected on this special day.

AUCKLAND HOUSE DAY NURSERY



This week at Auckland House, we explored the rhyme "Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer." The children were fully engaged in a range of creative, space-themed activities. They painted and created colourful planets using paints and car-making tracks on paper plates, adding interesting textures and patterns. We also worked together to decorate a large cardboard-box rocket, and the children designed their own individual rockets using sparkly materials. To complete our space adventure, everyone created their own unique aliens using a variety of craft resources. It was a wonderful week filled with imagination, creativity, and exciting opportunities for learning.



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Upcoming...





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Weekly Policy

ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY

At Pepperberry Day Nursery and Auckland House Day Nursery the safety, health, and welfare of children, staff, and families is our highest priority. This policy outlines the procedures and measures in place to manage adverse weather conditions, including floods, snow, and heat waves, to always ensure safe operation of the nursery.

This policy applies to all children, staff, parents, carers, and visitors attending Pepperberry Day Nursery.

Objectives

- To ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and staff during adverse weather conditions.
- To maintain continuity of care wherever possible.
- To provide clear guidance to staff and parents regarding nursery procedures during adverse weather events.

Communication

In the event of weather conditions impacting the nursery's operation:

- Parents and carers will be notified promptly via phone, email, IConnect System or text message.
- Decisions regarding closures or changes to routines will be communicated as early as possible.

Floods

- The nursery will follow its Critical Incident Procedure to ensure the safety of all children and staff.
- Continuity of care will be maintained wherever possible.
- Risk assessments will be conducted and recorded.

Snow or Other Severe Weather

- The Nursery Manager will assess the safety of opening or remaining open in severe weather conditions, including high snowfall, ice, or dense fog.

Closure Decisions:

- Parents will be informed immediately if the nursery needs to close during the day.
- Arrangements will be made for the safe collection of children.

Staffing Shortages:

- Available off-duty staff and/or agency staff will be contacted to maintain statutory staff-to-child ratios.
- If ratios cannot be maintained, Ofsted will be informed, and all actions will be recorded in the incident file.

Safety Considerations:

- If at any point the health, safety, or welfare of children is compromised, the nursery will close until safe operation can resume.

Heat Wave

- Staff will make day-to-day decisions regarding outdoor play based on temperature and sun exposure.
 - Children will not be exposed to direct sunlight between 11am and 3pm on hot days.
 - Shaded areas will be provided to allow children to cool down or seek shelter from the sun.
 - Further guidance is available in the nursery's Sun Care Policy.
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