

**January 2026**

Hello Parents!

What a lovely start to 2026! We have enjoyed celebrating the new year with the children and look forward to lots more learning to come! Please see any nursery updates and information below, and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

Safeguarding

We would like to remind all parents and carers who are coming to drop off and collect children, that under NO CIRCUMSTANCES must you let yourself in through the nursery gate.

We understand that recently, there have been issues with the doorbell, which has caused some inconvenience. In the event of the doorbell not working/being answered, please call the nursery phone. If there is still no response, then please head round to the Jungle World reception and ask them to contact the nursery.

There are a number of reasons why the door may not be answered straight away:

- **We have children sat on the potties/nappy changes. We have to protect the children's privacy and cannot allow parents to see children that aren't theirs in these private moments.**
- **A staff member is by themselves in the room and waiting for another team member to come back before being released to answer the door.**

In the same regard, please do not allow other parents to enter the nursery premises with you without a nursery staff member present. Nursery staff members need to confirm that they know who is being let into the nursery before we can release children into their care. Even though you may recognise other parents from drop offs and collections, it is everyone's responsibility to safeguard the children in the nursery. We have had a couple of instances where members of the public/Jungle World customers come to the gate and rang the doorbell, so we need to make sure that only Nursery Parents and Carers have access.

We thank you for your cooperation in keeping your children safe!



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Term Dates (TERM TIME CHILDREN)

Spring Half Term:

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

Easter Holidays:

Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Summer Half Term:

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Finish for Summer:

Friday 17th July

If you would like a paper copy of our term dates, please ask Beth.

WELLCOMM Assessments

Over the next 2 weeks, we will be completing WELLCOMM assessments with all children across nursery.

WELLCOMM is a Lancashire County Council initiative to assess children's understanding and use of language. This is not a test or assessment that your children will be graded on, but a tool to allow our practitioners to best support your children with communication. It is also a tool that allows us to monitor progress and help us seek advice if we feel that a child would benefit from further support. If you have any questions, please speak to Beth.

Age 2 Progress Checks

Around the age of 2 and a half, nurseries are required to complete a 2-year progress check, to see how children are progressing against their age-related milestones. This is similar to a 2-year check that would be completed by a health visitor but purely focuses on the child's development against three categories: Physical Development, Personal Social and Emotional Development, and Language and Communication.

Through the next month, we will be completing checks for all children who were aged 2 by 1st September. If your child has since turned 3, we will prioritise completing your checks first.

As part of the check, we will be inviting parents in for a meeting to discuss the areas of development. These meetings will be taking place around end of February-Early March. Please keep an eye on your Tapestry messages to arrange a meeting with your child's key worker.

**January 2026****TIGER ROOM NEWS**

As part of the EYFS Framework, we must incorporate outdoor play in our everyday learning. Please can parents make sure that children have suitable outdoor clothing available for their children. A wetsuit/puddle suit is ideal for babies/toddlers playing outside. If you don't have one, then an outdoor coat and spare trousers would be very helpful!

Please can all children come to nursery with outdoor shoes also.

Many thanks!
Keira

GIRAFFE ROOM NEWS

In line with our Nutrition Guidance, please can we remind parents that children are only allowed to have **PLAIN STILL WATER** in their water bottles. We still have a few children bringing juice, and we have had to exchange this for water when the children come in. Government guidance and Ofsted are really strict on this, and we must follow those rules set out. We know all of our nursery children do drink plain water, so please don't worry about your children not drinking enough water.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask!

Many thanks!
Emily and Niamh