



FEDERATION NEWS

Spring Term 1 – January 2024

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools
Bedford Nursery Schools Federation



Dear Parents and Carers

The children have returned back from the holidays and all the children have re-settled in a calm and confident manner. We also welcome our new children and families to the federation. As they settle, our existing children have been excellent role models for them.

There are many things that you can do at home to support the children in their learning journey. Please make use of the home learning pages on our websites—[Peter Pan Nursery School](https://www.peterpannurseryschool.com) [Cherry Trees Nursery School](https://www.cherrytreesnurseryschool.com) and download the '50 Things to do Before You're 5' app.



The local libraries also have lots going on—For more information about the local libraries visit:

<https://www.bedford.gov.uk/libraries/your-local-library-opening-times-facilities-and-activities>

Please join us at our Concert and Stay and Play sessions throughout this term, please see the dates over the page.

As always, please come and talk to me if you would like to share some family news or if you have a question or concern.

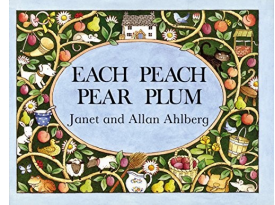
Julie Smith
Executive
Head Teacher



*'Celebrating and
Strengthening our
Communities Together'*

Our learning this half-term....

First we focused on a rhyming story to settle us back into Nursery School. The children explored the classic story 'Each Peach Pear Plum'. We tried plums and pears and voted which one was our favourite. We did this through a role play picnic in our group time.



Our learning then progressed onto looking carefully out our environment and landscape to spot the signs of winter. The children thoroughly enjoyed looking around the icy garden and noticed changes to our garden trees. We read the story 'Gruffalo's Child' to build on our previous knowledge of the Gruffalo. This story is set in a winter landscape and helped the children observe seasonal changes through visual story pictures too. We practised the skill of colour mixing powder paint, considering carefully how much water to paint powder we need and what to do if it was too thick or too runny. We went on to explore what happened when we added white to dark blue. The winter art the children created was a beautiful mix of blue tones.

January 26th marked the start of the 'Big Garden Bird Watch'. We talked to children about seeing birds in their garden and shared a tally chart for home enjoyment and participation. The children spent the next week exploring all about birds, creating birds through different forms such as painted or clay birds. We used our beautiful gardens again to 'bird watch' and we thought about what features a bird has and the names of the different birds we could find.



To finish off our half term, we plan to spend time enjoying the upcoming celebrations of Chinese New Year and Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day). The children will be engaging in lots of cooking and arts to celebrate both occasions. We will use key stories to support our learning and we have learnt some fun rhythmic songs to complement each celebration. We will also have a visit from a local dentist and oral hygienist to discuss how to look after our teeth through brushing, making tooth friendly snack choices and making sure we change our toothbrushes every 3 months.

Safeguarding Procedures

To ensure that safety of all our children at school we would like to remind you about the importance we place on Safeguarding.

- Please ensure that you close all doors and gates behind you as you arrive and leave nursery.
- Please do not let other adults into the building – always ask a member of staff to answer the door.
- If your child needs to use the toilet before their session starts please use the visitors toilet – we ask that parents do not enter the children's toilets.
- Always close the main black gate as you arrive and leave the site.
- Alert us if you see someone unfamiliar on the school site.
- Please do not use your mobile phone whilst on the school grounds – keep it in your pocket or bag as soon as you come through the gates on to the school site.
- Ensure that the appropriate age restrictions and parental controls are in place and that you monitor/supervise online content that your child watches whilst at home.
- If you are not going to be the person collecting your child from school, please let us know in advance – we will not allow any child to leave with an adult we do not know. The person collecting your child must be at least 18 years old.
- If you are running late to collect your child for any reason please ring the school office to let us know.
- If you see or hear anything whilst you are in nursery that concerns you please ask to speak to a Designated Safeguarding Lead, Julie, Clare or Suzie.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 9th February

Lunar new year: Dragon Dance

Join us at 11.30am or 3.00pm

Thursday 7th March

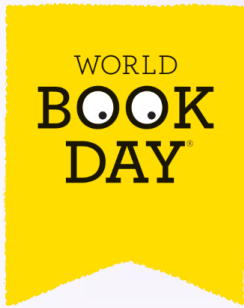
World book day - Stay & Play

Join us anytime between 9-11am and 12.30—2.30pm

Wednesday 27th March

Sing in Spring Concert

Join us at 11.15am or 2.45pm



ORAL HEALTH TEAM VISIT & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



The Oral Health team will be visiting
Cherry Trees between 11:30am & 1pm on Tuesday 26th March and
Peter Pan between 11:30am and 1pm on Wednesday 13th March.

Please come along to talk to the Oral Health Team.
They will be available to discuss tooth friendly snacks and sugar attacks,
tooth brushing, fluoride varnish and registering with a dentist.

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

Could we request that if you need to collect your child early from Nursery that you do so at
2.45pm so that the children's learning during group time is not interrupted.

This must be agreed in advance with the Head Teacher.

If your child has an appointment that requires collection during their session please email a copy of the
medical appointment to cherrytrees@bedfordnurseryschools.com or
peterpan@bedfordnurseryschools.com

Mobile Phones

Please remember to put your phone away when you arrive at nursery, from when you enter the gate and whether inside or out.



Junk Modelling

We are always grateful for yoghurt pots, kitchen roll tubes, milk bottle tops and small boxes that can be used for the children to create models at nursery school.

Please drop any donations into the school office.



Parent Hub

Please sign up to our Parent Hub app. This is the way we will be sending newsletters and other information home to you.

You can download the app from the Google store or Apple store.
Create an account and search for @PeterPan for Peter Pan or @CherryTrees for Cherry Trees.

Please remember to verify your account.



TERM DATES

HALF TERM HOLIDAY:	19th Feb 2024 to 23rd Feb 2024
Spring Term 2:	26th Feb 2024 to 28th March 2024
EASTER HOLIDAY:	29th March 2024 to 17th April 2024
Summer Term 1	18th April 2024 to 24th May 2024
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	27th May 2024 to 31st May 2024
Summer Term 2	3rd June 2024 to 19th July 2024