



FEDERATION NEWS

October 2024

Peter Pan & Cherry Trees Nursery Schools



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to see you all either returning to the Nursery Schools or starting for the first time. We welcome our new families and hope that they will find their time at Cherry Trees and Peter Pan a special time.

The children have settled really well into their routines and they are growing in confidence each day. The children are constantly learning through their daily routines, in their play, as they explore their new environment and as they engage with others.

The children will be bringing home a library book each week so please take time to share this book with your child at home. You can share the story more than once, this helps your child's listening and attention skills as well as their understanding and language development. It is important that your child brings their library book back to school on their library day each week.

We will be starting our Harvest collection of food items for the local food bank. The children have been learning about helping others; please donate a tin or packet of food if you are able to.



I hope you enjoy the rest of the term and if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch via the school offices.

Julie Smith
Executive
Head Teacher



*'Celebrating and Strengthening our
Communities Together'*

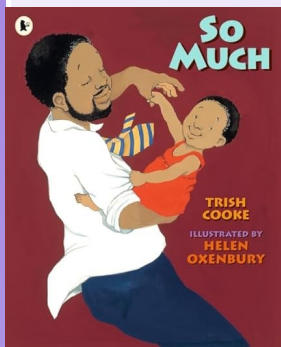
Our learning this term:

Settling into nursery school

The children have made a wonderful start to the new academic year. Adults have developed warm relationships with children and their families. By working with parents to help settle each individual child we ensure that children feel safe and happy at nursery school. When children have high levels of well-being they can flourish and learn.

Making friends

There are lots of opportunities in the day to play and interact. Adults skilfully support the children as they make new friends. During group times we encourage children to talk about their own lives and to get to know each other. By reading stories about families such as 'So Much' the children are able to relate to the family members in the story. They feel comforted by talking about their home lives and want to share who is special to them.



Routines

We spend time in group sessions explicitly teaching children about routines and expectations. We use puppets, role play and stories about tidying to model how to look after our resources and to share and take turns. We encourage the children to be proud of their setting and know they feel confident when they understand the routine of the day and what is expected of them.

Harvest Festival

The children will learn about sharing and giving and how we can support others less fortunate by donating food. The children have read 'The Little Red Hen' and will be baking bread to support their understanding. The children are practising their harvest songs to perform to their families at our Autumn Concert.



TERM DATES

Half-term: Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November

Last day of the Autumn Term: Friday 20th December (no tea club)

Nursery reopens: Wednesday 8th January

Half-term: Monday 17th February—Friday 21st February

Last day of Spring term: Friday 4th April (no tea club)

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.

If you are going to be late collecting your child please contact the office. A fine will be imposed for persistent late collection.

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

Plastic Carrier Bags



Please do not use carrier bags for your child's spare clothes/shoes—for the outer bag or inside their main bag.

We will provide nappy bags—so there is no need for nappy sacks to be brought into nursery.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Friday 18th October
Harvest Autumn Concert
Join us at 11.30am or 3.00pm

Tuesday 5th November @ Cherry Trees 9.15am
Wednesday 6th November @ Peter Pan 9.15am
How to support your child's communication and language at home

Friday 8th November
Diwali Celebration - Stay & Play
Join us anytime between 9-11am and 12.30-2.30pm

Winter Clothes

As the weather starts to change and get colder, please ensure that you send a warm coat, hat, gloves and wellies (all named please) to school with your child.

All children have access to the outdoor garden throughout the day and it is essential they have a coat to put on to go outside.



A series of Creative Maths Workshops for parents

Weekly from
Wed 23rd Oct

9.15am - 11.15am

Look out for the posters displayed at each school.
Booking information will be emailed.

Family Photo



Please send a photo of your child sharing a family celebration, such as a birthday, religious event, or special time together so that we can frame these in the home corner and create a photo album for the children to look through.

Email your photo to:
cherrytrees@bedfordnurseryschools.com or
peterpan@bedfordnurseryschools.com

REMINDER: We are a NUT FREE school.

NO FOOD OR WATER BOTTLES should be brought into nursery.



Please check your child's bag each day to ensure nothing has been left inside accidentally.

Starting School September 2025

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021

All the information you need to apply for a school place is available on the website www.bedford.gov.uk/starting-school.

It gives details of all the schools in the area and a PDF copy of the admissions booklet, Starting School 2025, which explains how they process your application for a school place.

50 things to do **before you're five**

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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.

