



The Lawns Nursery School

Newsletter July 2026

What an extraordinary Year!

We can't believe how quickly this year has flown by and we are now only a few days away from saying a fond farewell to a lot of our children and families. We would like to thank the children for giving us so much enjoyment in seeing how they have grown up and flourished as learners during their time with us. They have given us so many memories and lots of laughs along the way! We would also like to thank all of you for supporting the Nursery over the year.

We must also thank the fantastic team for all their hard work over the past year. We are so lucky to have such a committed and motivated team of Early Years professionals who value each and every child who attend here and work with the children's interests to progress their learning. All the staff at The Lawns Nursery School would like to wish you a happy and sunny summer. Good luck to all the children in their new schools in September. .

For families staying with us next year we look forward to welcoming you all back after your summer break.

Please do tell your friends and relatives about The Lawns Nursery School - word of mouth recommendations are always the best!

Staffing News!

We are lucky to have a new member of staff Miss Hooker join us on September as an Assistant Headteacher. Miss Hooker is an experienced early years leader and we are very excited that she will be part of our Nursery Federation.

We are saying goodbye to some staff members at the end of this academic year as they move to new adventures.

Mrs Smith joined us for a maternity cover and we were delighted that she stayed until the end of the year to provide consistency for our children but is now moving to Dorney School.

Miss Strachan (Immy) is heading off to Oxford Brookes University as she joined us for her gap year.

We have loved having them both work at The Lawns and wish them lots of love and luck.

Summer Fun!

New measures come into effect this summer to reduce the cost of days out, travel and getting around for families with children.

By cutting VAT businesses will be able to reduce the cost of children's restaurant meals, children's tickets for theatres and cinemas and all tickets for attractions like soft play, amusement parks, and museums. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Thank you!

We wanted to say a very big thank you for your support with our physical challenge that we held last term. All of the sponsorship money has been counted and we have an incredible £860 to spend on resources for nursery! We were blown away by your generosity and are going to purchase a new speaker for the music cabin, various small world and construction resources and some new core books.

Thank you again, the children had a wonderful day and we are excited to share the new equipment with them.

Our Learning

The children have been enjoying trips to their new schools and have all come back to Nursery very excited about their next steps which is lovely to see. To help them prepare for the changes we've been catching up with our persona dolls. Next week we are going to ask Sophia about her experiences with transition and talk about lunches, school uniform and all of the exciting things that they might see and do at their new schools. The children will be able to share their excitement and any worries too. During transition we like to emphasise all of the things that will be the same about the children's next steps as it helps to reassure them, such as the types of activities they'll do, the adults there to help them and the outdoor spaces for them to play in as well as new friends.

Over the past few weeks we have been enjoying a range of forest school activities in the nursery garden. We have explored clay and created natural clay sculptures and faces too! We have made marks with mud and next week will be having a go at 'Hapa zome' a traditional Japanese leaf dyeing craft.

On the 15th July we will be celebrating the end of term with a visit from the mobile farm when the children will have the opportunity to stroke, brush and feed the animals, whilst learning about how to be gentle and respectful. The children and staff are all super excited to meet them!



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21st July - End of term - Nursery closes for the summer at 11.45am.

Wednesday 22nd July - INSET day.

Tuesday 1st September - INSET day.

Wednesday 2nd September to Friday 4th September - Nursery closed - Home visits for new children.

Monday 7th September - Nursery visits for new children joining The Lawns Nursery School.

Tuesday 8th September - Term begins for children (staggered start dates for new children)

Getting Ready for School

We are running parent workshops to support you and your child's transition to school. Please join us on Friday 10th July from 9.15am—10.15am. We will be sharing lots of useful information and giving away some great Starting Reception booklets too!

Be ready for Reception

There's lots you can do at home to build you child's confidence and independence, helping them to feel emotionally and practically prepared to start school.

This term we will be running workshops for parents and carers of children starting school in September 2026.



Hot weather disruption

Thank you once again for your support, patience and understanding during the red hot weather warning. Our priority was to keep the children safe in these extreme conditions.

We had already booked air conditioning units to be installed in the Nursery over the weekend of 11th and 12th July prior to the recent heatwave, the heat just came too soon.

The children will be able to enjoy the cooler classroom conditions for the final few weeks at least.



Bits and Bobs!

On the last day of term please check before leaving that you have...

all of your child's belongings at the end of term e.g. items of clothing, lunch boxes, sun cream any medication etc.

all the children who are leaving will be given their learning journeys and sketch books to take home at the end of term. If your child does not receive theirs please ask a member of staff. This is such a lovely memento of your child's time at The Lawns Nursery School.