

# NEWSLETTER

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## EXPRESSIVE ARTS AND DESIGN

This week, we looked at some of David Hockney's flower paintings and talked about the colours and details he used. We then painted our own vases of flowers. First, the children watched a teacher model how to paint what they could see, thinking carefully about where to start and how to observe the flowers closely. The children then had a go themselves, creating their own beautiful flower paintings. We were all so pleased with the results! Our objective was for the children to be able to observe closely and represent what you see creatively, which was fully achieved.

## EARLY READING SKILLS

This week, we enjoyed sharing the story Floppy Floppy and learning that print carries meaning and is read from left to right. The children looked at the front cover, discussed the illustrations, and listened to the story being read while following the words across the page and noticing punctuation.

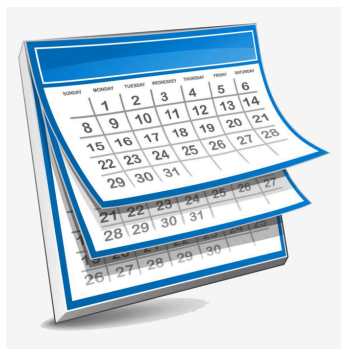


## NEXT WEEK...

Over the past few weeks, we have been practising our throwing and catching skills using large balls. Now it's time to challenge ourselves with some team games! The children will take part in a fun relay race in teams of four, passing the ball over their heads before running to the front of the line. It's a great way to develop teamwork, coordination and communication skills while having lots of fun!



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 15th July - Basil's Farm visit today

Tuesday 21st July - Break up for Summer holidays at 11.45am.

**Please note that there is no afternoon or lunch session today**

**For those returning in September please note the dates below for the start of term:**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September - INSET day - **NURSERY CLOSED**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Home Visits to new children - **NURSERY CLOSED**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Nursery Visits for our new children - **NURSERY CLOSED**

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Term starts for all of our returning children



## STAFF NEWS

We are excited to welcome Miss Grove to Cookham Nursery School. Miss Grove is known to us as she worked with us a few years ago when she was completing her Early Years Practitioner level 3. We are delighted that she has continued her studies and is now a qualified Teacher. Miss Grove will share Green Group at the end of the week with Mrs Cottle.

We sadly say goodbye to Mr Wilson who is leaving us to move to Birmingham. Mr Wilson is returning to his studies at Birmingham University. We wish him lots of luck in his new adventures and a huge thank you for us all for his hard work, support and kindness.



Thank you to the parents and carers who came to see their children sing in the garden on Wednesday. (This was just for the children leaving to go to school). We were so proud of them for their singing and how they rose to the occasion despite such a lovely, large audience! It was a huge achievement. Well done to each and every one of them.

## TOOTHBRUSHING

The children have been learning about how to stay healthy. Last week's update explained how Lauren Jenkins came and talked to the children about how to brush their teeth. Here is a link explaining a little more about children's teeth and how to look after them.

[Toothbrushing](#)

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