



COOKHAM NURSERY SCHOOL

WEEKLY UPDATE 10.07.26

THIS WEEK

We were very happy when our caterpillars arrived at Nursery after a warm journey through the post! At first they were quite small and didn't move very much but after one or two days they have grown and become very mobile. The children have been fascinated to watch them develop into the next stage of their life cycle. Observing living creatures as they change has led to lots of questions about the living world, especially when children can relate new knowledge to their own experiences of caterpillars and butterflies in their gardens and outdoor spaces. We will continue to watch carefully each day as the egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, butterfly cycle happens in front of our eyes!



Biba, our Persona Doll visited our Groups this week. She was excited to show the children her Learning Journal and share the family photographs, pictures and mark-making from her time at her Nursery. We noticed how she had changed over the year and how her mark-making had developed. The children shared their own Learning Journeys with their friends and loved looking back and reflecting on all the special experiences and learning from their time at Cookham Nursery.



The children have thoroughly enjoyed applying their newly developed throwing and catching skills during group activities and free-flow learning. They took part in a range of team games, listening carefully to instructions and working collaboratively with their peers. As they passed the ball along a line and over their heads from the front to the back, they demonstrated growing cooperation, communication, and teamwork skills.



NEXT WEEK

We are looking forward to the farm animals visiting us on Wednesday. It is always great for the children to see the animals close up and learn about their lives and how we need to look after them. They will experience feeding ducks, rabbits, donkeys, sheep and more and will get the chance to groom the very gentle and patient Shetland pony. Everybody of course will learn how to be with the animals safely and respectfully and the importance of washing hands. In Group Time we will talk about habitats and food to further enhance our knowledge and understanding.

Biba will visit again to talk to the children about her feelings about moving to her new school. She will show us her photos and discuss that she is mostly excited but also a little nervous. This will give our children an opportunity to share their own feelings about their transition and discuss ways to manage their emotions.

AT HOME

Ask your child about their experiences at Cookham Nursery and what they can remember about their time here. Think about the new skills that they have developed and what they have learned. If your child is moving on to school, think about how it might be similar or different and the things that they are looking forward to.

