



School Newsletter

Friday 16th May 2025



Happy Friday everyone!

What a lovely week of beautiful sunshine. We have loved playing and learning outdoors, building friendships and making special memories. Many thanks to all our Birch parents who attended the Stay and play event this morning. Next Friday, it will be Hazel's turn.

Here are some important reminders...

We need your help

There's still one more week to come into school to **talk to the children about your job**. Please speak to your child's class teacher to arrange this. Many thanks.

Sun safety

- **Children need a sun hat** that can be kept in school. Please label your child's sun hat clearly with their name and class.
- **Please apply sun lotion every morning before school** to exposed areas of your child's skin (face, neck, arms and legs). Our staff will re-apply sun cream later in the day to keep protection levels topped up.

School Fund / Snack Fund

Snack Fund is now overdue. Please remember to pay **£12** for this half term to your child's class teacher.

i-PAL Payment System

All future invoices will be sent to you by i-PAL and not from school. You will be able to make card payments by logging into your account.

NELI Preschool

Children will be reading the book **"The Knight Who Said No"** with their teachers next week. Children will be learning the Special Words:

- **polite**
- **always**
- **whisper**
- **lonely**

You can find further information to support your child's learning at home by visiting our website. On the landing page, scroll down and click on the tile "NELI Preschool" to find the parents' information leaflet about the book.

Stay and Play sessions

Many thanks to parents for attending Birch's stay and play sessions this week. It was lovely to see so many of you. The children really enjoyed sharing this experience with you all.

Stay and play dates for the other classes are :

Friday 23rd May Hazel parents

Let's Talk Parents Workshop

Claire Haymes, our specialist speech and language practitioner, will be delivering a workshop for parents **next Wednesday (21st May) at 10:00am**. Please come along for tea, coffee and a chat about how to really promote and support your child's speaking and listening skills at home. Claire will have lots of handy tips and advice to share with you all.



Summer term school uniform

As the weather improves, many children choose to start coming to school wearing shorts. Children may wear **plain green shorts** or continue to wear their green joggers. We often find that when children make the switch to short trousers, the number of cuts and grazes increases so this is something to be aware of. Less padding means more grazes.

- Summer dresses are not permitted;
- Sandals are not permitted as they do not provide adequate protection for your child's feet;
- Sensible school shoes (e.g. trainers) must continue to be worn with short trousers.

End of Year Ceremonies

The arrangements for our end of year celebrations are as follows:

- Children in our Nurture Base – Graduation takes place on Wednesday 16th July.
- Children returning to us next year will come along with their parents at 9:00am on Thursday 17th July of year celebration ceremony.
- Children who are leaving us this year will come along at 10:30am on Thursday 17th July for Graduation.
- The celebration events will last for approximately 1 hour 15 minutes and take place outdoors.

Owing to the large numbers and limited capacity, we will need to limit places at these events to 2 adults per child.

As has been the case in previous years, children attend for their celebration, along with their parents/carers.

Attendance and Timekeeping

Please ring the school office and let Joanne Jones know that they won't be in **on the first day of absence**. As a maintained nursery school, we follow the safeguarding procedures and policies of Liverpool City Council. **Any unexplained absence will be followed up as a safeguarding concern.**

Names on all belongings / lost property basket

Please ensure that **all belongings are clearly labelled** with your child's name and class. This includes accessories such as sun hats. There is a lost property basket in the library area where staff place any items found without a name.

Library Books

We have lots of library books that have not been returned to school. Can you please have a good rummage at home for any school library books and return these as soon as possible. Cheers.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 21st May	Let's Talk Parent Workshop with Claire Haymes (10am start)
Friday 23rd May	Hazel stay and play (10am start)
Friday 23rd May	Children finish for half-term (normal times)
Thursday 5th June	Children return to school (normal times)
Wednesday 16th July	Graduation Day for Nurture Base children
Thursday 17th July	Graduation Day for Birch, Hazel and Rowan class children
Friday 18th July	Last Day of School (children attend school 8.30am – 11.30am)

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

A huge thank you from all of the team for your ongoing support for our school.

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