



# School Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Happy Friday everyone!

Spring has sprung at last! We have had a gorgeous week in school, enjoying the early spring sunshine in the garden, looking out for signs of new life and enjoying pancakes for Shrove Tuesday.

Our current theme is "**Old MacDonald Had A Farm**". Children are learning lots of interesting facts about animals and their young. As you go out and about, draw your child's attention to the seasonal changes happening. There is so much to notice: blossom, buds growing on tree branches, bulbs sprouting, daffodils shooting up. This is a great opportunity to teach your child lots of new words.

A **big thank you** to all those parents who came to our Stay and Read events this week. The children love it when their grown-ups come into their classrooms. We hope you enjoyed this experience. As the weather improves, we will be offering further Stay and Play sessions outdoors.

As usual, here are a few notices and reminders to keep you up to date:

## Acorn Animal Farm

**Acorn Animal Farm** will be visiting school on **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March**. If you have not returned your completed permission slip, please do so this as soon as possible. There is also a small **charge of £3.00** towards the cost of this event. Many thanks.

## Duckling Eggs

How egg-citing! We are delighted that our **duckling eggs** will arrive in school this year on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. The children have enjoyed observing chick eggs hatch in previous years. This year, we are shaking it up a little and having duck eggs in school.

There is a **separate permission slip** for this experience. School needs to be aware of any allergies to birds/ducks. I would be grateful if you could sign and return this as soon as possible to your child's class teacher.

## NELI Preschool

Next week, children will be reading the story '**Firefly Home**'. They will be learning about the meanings and usage of the Special Words:

- **lost**
- **spot**
- **fly**
- **fast**

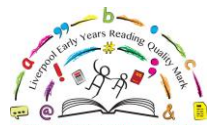
## **At home, you can support your child's learning by:**

- Playing 'I Spy' at home and see what you can SPOT!
- Have a game of 'Simon Says' and do lots of FAST actions (like running FAST, clapping FAST and sitting down FAST)

Further information for supporting your child's learning at home is on our **school website**. Scroll down to the bottom of the main page, click on the tile that says NELI Preschool and find the PDF file named 'Firefly Home'.

## Winter coats

Please continue to ensure your child has **a nice warm coat with a hood for school**. **Gloves are not suitable** for school as they become damp and wet outside as children play and learn.



### **New Starter Parent Meetings**

If your child started school with us in January, your child's class teacher **will contact you by telephone** over the coming weeks to discuss how your child has settled into school. There is no need to make an appointment. Our teachers will leave a message to call back if you are not available.

### **Attendance and Timekeeping**

If your child is too poorly sick to come to school, the very best place for them is at home resting. This allows them to make a swift recovery and prevents the spread of illness to other children.

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 put your child's name or initials inside both of their shoes. Many children cannot identify what their own shoes look like and this gives our staff at least half a chance of matching the correct shoes to the correct child.

### **Local Area Walks**

As the weather improves, staff **may take the children out of school** into the local area. You will have granted permission for this when signing your permission forms back when your child started our school. Staff often take children to Sainsbury's or Springfield Park, for example. Please rest assured that **all risk control measures are followed** when children are off-site, including wearing high-viz jackets, careful route planning and correct staffing ratios.

### **Wear Blue for Bobby Day – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Children come to school **wearing blue clothing** on Thursday next week to raise money for the Bobby Collieran Trust. This charity raises money to campaign for road safety around our schools and educates children and families about road safety.

We would be grateful for a suggested donation of **£1.00** on the day.

### **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Wear Blue for Bobby Day  
St Patrick's Day celebrations  
World Poetry Day  
Mothers' Day Singing (details to follow)  
Acorn Animal Farm visit (see separate letter)

If you have any issues at all, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the school gate in the morning. I will always listen and endeavour to do my best to help.

Should you wish to speak with me confidentially, please ring the school office to arrange a telephone appointment or you can drop me an email me at [ht@eastprescotroadnursery.co.uk](mailto:ht@eastprescotroadnursery.co.uk)

With warmest wishes,

Mr Craig Bolton  
Headteacher

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