



Nursery Summer Term Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our returning families and a very warm welcome to the new families who have recently joined us. We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and we have enjoyed hearing all about the children's adventures over the holidays and we are looking forward to an exciting term ahead. The children have settled quickly and are spending more time outdoors in our garden.

Dates for your diaries

- Half-Term** - **Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2026**
- Summer Term 2** - **Monday 1st June – **Friday 17th July 2026****
- Leavers Celebration** - ****Friday 17th July 2026 1:00pm – 2:30pm
(this will be held at the Church Centre)**

**The nursery will be closed on Friday 17th July 2026 and there will be no nursery sessions running. An email with further details regarding the Leavers Celebration will be sent out shortly.

Please remember....

Please ensure that your child has a named coat and a puddle suit as we learn outside every day. (Please be aware that some of the best learning can be very messy 😊)

When the weather starts to get warmer, please ensure that your child has sun cream applied **BEFORE** they come into nursery. If you wish to bring sun cream to nursery for your child, please ensure it is in its original bottle with their name on and placed in the basket at the nursery door. The staff will keep the sun cream out of reach of the children and if the children require a top up throughout the day, the children will need to apply the sun cream themselves. As per our policy, the staff will not be able to do this for them but will supervise the children to apply. In line with this we recommend that you apply them with a once a day/8-hour sun cream and provide a roll on for nursery which is easier to apply. Please click on the links below for suggested sun cream.

Please also send your child to nursery with a named sun hat and empty water bottle (staff will fill this with water).

[Soltan Kids Once 8hr Play Lotion SPF50+ 200ml - Boots](#)



[Soltan Kids Protect & Moisturise Suncare Roll On SPF50+ 50ml - Boots](#)

Some sun lotions contain the ingredient 'Prunus Amygdalus Dulcis Oil', otherwise known as almond oil which makes it unsafe for the nursery environment. Please ensure that sunscreen containing this ingredient is NOT applied to your child if they are coming to nursery or put in their bag as we have children and staff with nut allergies and need to ensure that they are safe.

Please can we ask that you check the ingredients on your child's sun cream to ensure that they do not contain 'Prunus Amygdalus Dulcis Oil', (almond oil) before bringing them into the setting or applying them to your child if they are coming into nursery.

Main gate

Please note that we will be closing the main gates promptly at 9:00am. This is for safeguarding reasons to ensure that the gates are not open longer than necessary and to enable the children to access the outdoor area earlier to enhance their learning. If you do not have other children to drop off at school, please ask that you arrive by no later than 9:00am to drop off your child. If you have other siblings to drop off at school and the gate is closed when you arrive, your child will need to come into the nursery via the office door. Please ring the bell when you get here and Jo will see your child into nursery.

School visits and other appointments:

We kindly ask if your child has a school visit or other appointment in the morning (and they attend a full day at nursery) that you bring them into nursery with their packed lunch at 11:45am ready for the afternoon session. If they have an afternoon visit or appointment (and attend a full day at nursery), we request that they are collected at 11:45am. If your child only attends a half-day session and their visit/appointment falls within that session, we kindly request that they do not attend nursery that day.

However, we ask if you are unable to arrive at nursery by 9:30am that you bring your child in at 11:45am with their lunch ready for the afternoon session (if they attend a full day).

So, moving forward drop off and pick up times will only be as follows:

**8:45am
11:45am
2:15pm
2:45pm**

This ensures minimal disruption to the session, so staff can ensure that everyone is kept



safe. We thank you for your support and cooperation with this request.

A polite reminder

Please may we ask for you to ensure the children are collected in a timely manner at the end of each session as late pick up's have a direct impact on our ratio's.

Session times are as follows:

Morning session: 08:45am – 11:45am

Afternoon session: 11:45am – 2:15pm or 2:45pm

Absence from nursery:

A gentle reminder that if your child is going to be absent from nursery to please call or email by the office by 9:30am to inform us as we have a duty of care to the children. If your child has an upset stomach, they will not be able to return to the nursery until 48 hours have passed from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea. Children who have had a high temperature or cough are unable to return to the nursery for 3 full clear days from the onset of symptoms.

Medication:

If your child has been prescribed antibiotics, please do not send your child to nursery until 48 hours have passed from their first dose. If your child requires medication to be administered or kept at the nursery, it must be given to us in the original packaging complete with a prescription label bearing the child's name and dosage instructions. You will be asked to complete a medication form before staff can administer any medicine.

Children's Bags:

Please would you ensure that you send your child to nursery each day with a named bag containing ONLY the following:

- Spare clothes
- Nappies/Wipes (if applicable)

To keep all children safe, we operate a bag checking policy each morning and afternoon. We ask that you do not leave any toys, food/sweets, creams, suncream or other medication in your child's bag. Please hand medication, creams and other such items to a member of staff on the door where they will be kept safe out of children's reach.

Snack

As a charity we rely on your kind donations of fruit and vegetables for the children's snack time each week. We would be very grateful if you could provide donations of fruit, vegetables and breadsticks if you are able. As you know this is an essential part of a healthy diet and the children really enjoy eating the fruit and vegetables that you provide.



If your child requires a dairy or gluten free diet, please would you provide a snack for them with their name on, and we will ensure that this is given to them.

Lunch Boxes:

Thank you for your continued support in our campaign for healthy eating. Please can we ask that all parents avoid putting nuts or any items of food that contain nuts in their child's lunch box e.g., Nuts as such Nakd, Trek or Graze bars, peanut butter sandwiches.

Due to the severity of the problem, and to safeguard the children's wellbeing, it is important that we do not allow these items in the nursery setting.

Just a gentle reminder that in line with Government guidance and our Healthy Eating policy we do not allow sweet treats in lunchboxes at nursery. Plain biscuits and cakes are acceptable on an occasional basis but please do not include items such as iced cakes, party rings, Angel cakes or similar or anything containing chocolate. These can be enjoyed as treats at home.

Please do not include popcorn in your child's lunchbox as this can pose a choking hazard. Please refer to the board for other items we cannot allow in the nursery due to them being a choking hazard.

Water bottles

In line with recommended guidelines, children's water bottles are kept in a crate and are freely accessible throughout the day so that children can independently access their drinks whenever they need. As all children have access to this shared area, it is essential that bottles contain water only. If a bottle contains juice or flavoured water and is accidentally picked up by another child, there is a risk they could consume something unsuitable, including ingredients they may be allergic or intolerant to.

Please would you send your children to Nursery with a **named EMPTY** water bottle every day. Staff will fill these bottles with water at nursery. This ensures that we can fully manage and monitor what children are drinking and eliminate any potential risks. Children may bring a carton of Juice in their lunchbox to enjoy at lunchtime.

Dogs

Please be mindful that some children and adults are afraid of dogs. All dogs must be on a lead and where possible we kindly ask that you leave your dog tied up at the bottom of the nursery ramp. NO dogs (except Guide dogs) are to be brought into the nursery setting inside or outside.

Parking

We respectfully ask that parents do not park in the disabled parking bay outside the nursery unless you require them. Please be mindful that there are parents and users of the



Rugby/football club next door who do need to use them.

Donation Request

We would be very grateful for donations of the following items:

- ❖ Tissues
- ❖ Biodegradable Wet Wipes
- ❖ Flour
- ❖ Sensory play items, i.e. Corn flour, foam
- ❖ Craft materials and paper/card
- ❖ Batteries AA and AAA

What we have been up to.....

The children have been enjoying playing with lots of new equipment outdoors and the see saw has been a big hit as have the new Tonka Trucks!

We have set up a wormery in the garden and will also be making a new bug house.

Inside the nursery the children have been enjoying the new train track accessories as well as a new farm and farm animals. The children have also explored other new resources to include shape boards and magnetic dress up dolls.

This term we have started School Club for those children who attend a full day at nursery and will be going to school in September this year. We will upload photos and updates on Tapestry over the coming weeks.

Book Shed

The Book Shed on the decking is open, please help yourself to a book and return for someone else to enjoy once you are finished.

Facebook

We have a Facebook page; please search for St Mary's Nursery to access it.

Nursery website

Please click on the link below and take a look where you will find lots of useful information about the nursery as well as our policies and term dates.

We will update the website with important dates so we encourage you to visit the website regularly to keep up to date with important news and events.

<https://www.stmarysnurserycamberley.co.uk/>

Message from the Chair of Trustees; Reverend Andrew Knowles:

Running the Race Together

Many of us enjoyed watching the London Marathon on Sunday, especially cheering on our own Sally from St Mary's Church Family as she completed the race — what an amazing achievement! Raising money for SENSE. Well done, Sally.

I have been following Jordan and Cian Adams, known as the FTD Brothers, who have raised almost £500,000 following the London Marathon at the weekend. Jordan, carrying a 25kg fridge on his back, and Cian, both risk getting dementia in their 40s, ran the 26.2 miles (42 km) on Sunday to raise cash for Alzheimer's Research UK. They are running a marathon a day for the next 32 days across Ireland. Do read their story.





What is coming up: as a church family, we are joining in *Thy Kingdom Come*, a global prayer movement, a special time of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. We would love to invite all our Nursery children, families, and staff to join us by saying simple prayers at home or together during the day. Here is the link for resources for children.

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources-children>

Prayer can be as simple as saying “thank you,” asking for help, or praying for someone we love. Every prayer matters!

Our next Trustees meeting is on **Monday 18th May**, if there is anything you would like us to consider, please speak to Sue or Penny, or send me an email on chair@stmarysnurserycamberley.co.uk

With every blessing,

Andrew

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