



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our May 2022 Newsletter, and we hope that your child is enjoying their time with us at Sawston Nursery.

We are currently in the process of recruiting and are now at the first stage of reallocating children's sessions. We plan to reinstate all of the retracted sessions, week commencing the 25th of July.

From September we are pleased to announce that we will be opening up all four rooms once more. The staffing for September is looking promising.

Some of you may remember Josh who previously worked at the nursery, well the good news is, he is coming back to us on 14th June 2022. Also, we have a new recruit called Kasey who will be joining us on 9th May. We have a further two members of staff joining us in August and September. The future is looking bright, and we will keep you up to date with any future changes in the nursery 😊

Parents Evening - Appointment slots are now available for you to book on 23rd or 24th May 2022, and are positioned on the door of each classroom, alongside the keyworker lists. We are offering times between 6.15 pm and 7.45pm. Please ensure you try to keep to the 5-minute slot given so not to delay other parents who have booked appointments. Tina will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Last week Pre-school had a visit from Superstar Sports Team. The children appeared to enjoy the PE session very much. From now on, both Sunflower Room and Daffodil Room will have the chance to take part in the sport session once a month as Nursery have booked for Super Sports to visit on a regular basis.

Our first sessions will take place on 16th May 2022, at 10am – 10.45am for preschool and 10.45 – 11.30 for the Daffodil Room children.

Please can you ensure if your child attends on this day that appropriate clothing is worn to take part in this physical activity session.

We will try to organise with the club, for them to attend alternative days each month, to give children attending on alternative days and sessions the opportunity to take part in the sports sessions.

If you need any further information, please visit the link below:
[Children's Sports Coaching | Super Star Sport DA](#)
[Children's Sports Coaching | Super Star Sport CB](#)

A reminder, this Sunday 8th May, is the Sawston Fun Run where Tina will be dressed as Cruella and her team of Dalmatians will accompany her on the day raising money for the local community. We have been fortunate to have been selected to receive a donation of £500 from the Fun Run and will be using this to enhance our outdoor area with a piece of climbing equipment.

On the day of the Fun Run, we will be meeting at Sawston Village College at 9.30am as the Fancy Dress competition commences at 9.50am. The Fun Run will start at 10.30am.

Please try to come along and join in the fun, you can dress up as a Dalmatian (or not if you prefer). All you need to do is register at [Online Registration – Sawston Fun Run](#) and meet us at the college on the day. Neil (Our trustee) will be taking photos for the Facebook page and Sawston Scene of Nursery staff and children. Refreshments will be served after the event and water supplied on route. Hope to see lots of you on the day!

A huge thank you for supporting our raffle to help raise funds for the Ukraine Appeal, we managed to raise an amazing £103.00. This amount is in addition to the fantastic £500.00 which one of our nursery families raised with their delicious cake stalls and we really are so grateful for your contributions to this worthwhile cause.

So, now let's find out what has been happening in the nursery

Buttercup Room

This month, the Buttercup children have shown a strong interest in the outdoors and therefore, we will be taking our learning into our outdoor environment. Our topic for the month of May will be Wild Animals. We will be promoting the children's Physical and Personal, Social and Emotional Development through visiting new environments such as the forest and park for wild animal hunts. We will also be developing the children's Communication and Language Development through using talking boxes, flash cards and soundtrack games relating to Wild animals. We will be providing the children with exciting and stimulating activities throughout the day such as sensory tuff trays, water play and plenty of craft activities to continue supporting the children's holistic development.

Daffodil Room

The developmental achievements the children have been demonstrating this past month have been both heart-warming and rewarding to see. It has been lovely to share their anecdotes with you during handovers. Furthermore, it is also clear how much their self-confidence has grown as they have all adapted well to the staff/room changes and are forming some strong attachments with the newer staff in the room. This coming month we are going to be focusing on toilet training. Many of the children are able to communicate their toileting needs now - a sure sign that they are ready to begin the 'no more nappies' journey. We will be sharing lots of books and stories about the transition out of nappies and offering the use of a potty or toilet at every nappy change and throughout the day. We are also continuing to focus on phonics. Each day we will be learning a new letter sound using a 'jolly phonics' song and will focus our activities on objects beginning with a particular sound. We are all looking forward to meeting with you at parents evening. Appointment slots will be available to book as of the 2nd of May.

Sunflower Room

Now some of the children have received their school placements, we have been talking about where we live and our local community. As a result, we are going to extend our interest in this theme and incorporate this into our learning throughout May. We will be discussing our local community, the shops we would like to visit, places we may go with our family, such as the Post Office, the Butchers, Coop or Sweet Tea. We are hoping to visit some of these locations and then plan to talk about our experiences to enhance our vocabulary and knowledge of the amenities in our local community. It would be wonderful for professionals from our community to come in and talk to the children about their job roles. Therefore, if you or anyone you know are Doctors, Teachers, Dentists or Shopworkers and would like to share their knowledge about their typical day and expertise with us we would love to hear from you.

Staff

Thank you, parents/carers, and staff, for the nominations received this month and well done to the staff who received these:

Tim – He's been a firm favourite of Esmee's from Day 1! She always asks if he's going to be there and often when I pick her up, she's sitting with him reading books – one of her favourite activities! He's always so friendly at pick up and does a great job with hand over giving interesting anecdotes from the day. A brilliant addition to the nursery team!

Zoe– My nomination is Zoe, she’s always so caring and helpful.

Natalie – I would like to nominate Natalie, for clear and prompt communication by phone and email.

Michelle – For being a fantastic key worker and going above and beyond in caring for her ‘Poppies’ and making the transition into the merged room run smoothly for everyone.

Marsha and Shani – I would like to nominate Marsha and Shani for being James’ “Big Friends”.

Shani – Could I nominate Shani please. The list is endless for the reasons why!

Debbie – For always thinking of others and putting them first. What a lovely lady she is!

Marsha – For continually supporting her room and the management team, taking on extra responsibilities whilst effectively running the Daffodil Room.

Lynsey – For being flexible with her hours and being patient with Tina and Emma!

Managers Award this month: goes to **Saffron** for using her initiative, her willingness to learn and for demonstrating good practice.

Please remember to send your nominations to us before the end of the month if you believe a member of the team deserves a small reward for working beyond their role. Just send an e mail to tina.spencer@sawstonnursery.org and your nomination will be recognised.



Happy Birthday to the following children whose birthdays are in May
Alexander T and Jude

Staff Birthdays
Leisa, Lindsey and Janet

Some Important Dates for your Diary 2022

Parents Evening	23 rd /24 th May 2022
Group Photographs	7 th June 2022
Pre-School-Leavers Graduation	13 th July 2022
Training Day Nursery Closed	30 th August 2022
Individual Photographs	4/5 th October 2022
Parents Evening	November 2022 TBC

Bank Holidays for 2022

Good Friday	15 th April 2022
Easter Monday	18 th April 2022
Early Bank Holiday	2 nd May 2022
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday	2 nd June 2022
Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday	3 rd June 2022
Summer Bank Holiday	29 th August 2022
Christmas Day (Substitute Day)	27 th December 2022

Best Wishes from Tina and the Sawston Team