



Rosemary Nursery School Newsletter

May 2026

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Term 5

This term has been very short indeed! Only five weeks but we have packed lots in... We have started out Learn and Play sessions every Tuesday morning with the Family Hub and Jane. Everyone is welcome!



The children have also had weekly visits from Laura from the Travelling Light Theatre Company where the children have been working in both small and large groups alongside music and movement to support their language development.

Kelly from The Children's Kitchen also comes weekly! Kelly has been planting lots of vegetables and herbs in our allotment with the help of the children this term and we hope to see them grow over the coming weeks so we can taste what we grow!

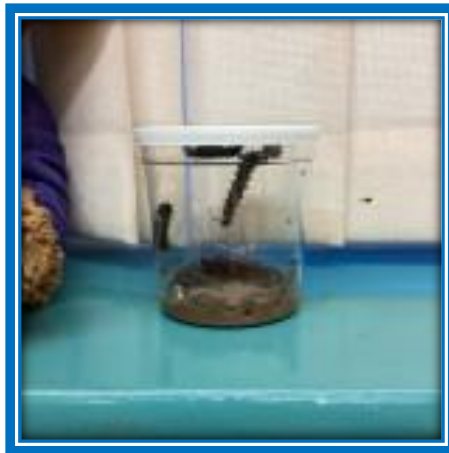
We also planted some new willow trees in the garden and the children have been helping to water them.

Each class have had the opportunity to closely observe caterpillars and we hope to be able to watch them turn in to butterflies soon!

Have a lovely sunny break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1st June 2026.



What we have been doing this term...



Free events in Bristol this half term

Upfest happens every year where celebrated street artists come together across Bristol and show off their artwork. You can go and watch them paint and experience some interactive workshops for free until the 31st May

<https://visitbristol.co.uk/event/upfest/237998301/>

Stay and Play in Term 6

Every year, we have a special end of year Stay and Play for all our children and of course those who will be leaving to go to school – everyone is welcome! This will be on **Wednesday 15th July!**

If your child attends in the mornings or Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday, please join us between 10.45-11.30am.

If your child attends in the afternoons or Wednesday/Thursday/Friday or 30 hours, please join us between 2.45-3.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you then!

Term Dates and Closure Days 2025 to 2026

Term 6: Monday 1st June 2026 to Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Inset days

Our nursery schools are closed on the following Inset Days when our staff undertake professional development and training.

Children do not attend on these days:

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 – Afternoon closure (morning sessions run as normal)

Governors

We are currently looking for a parent governor to join our friendly governing body. The Governing Body is responsible for all 3 schools in our federation. Our governors play a really important role in the life of our schools, working closely with the Headteacher and staff to promote high standards across all our settings. The board acts as a critical friend to the leadership team and helps shape the strategic vision of the schools. It is a fantastic way to get involved and make a real difference to the children in our community. We are looking to welcome new members with a range of skills and experiences or those wanting to develop their skills in this area or have an interest in education. Our governing board has two committees, Curriculum and Wellbeing and Finance and Resources, we meet 7 times a year either in person or online. If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with Mike Akers, Chair of Governors, at mike.akers@bristol-schools.uk – he would be delighted to hear from you.

Kind Regards Rachel Rachel Barnwell, Acting Head Teacher Central Bristol Nursery Schools Federation - The Limes, Rosemary and St Werburgh's Park Nursery School



Turn Book Reading into a Conversation



Sharing books with your child is about a lot more than reading the words on the page. It's about connecting with your child, having fun and building their language during back-and-forth interactions. When you turn book reading into a conversation, you actively involve your child by encouraging them to share their interests and ideas. Being actively involved and taking turns in the conversation helps build your child's language, which lays the foundation for learning to read and write. It also creates a special time for you two to connect.

Here are 5 ways to turn book reading into a conversation:

1. Get Face to Face

Sit at your child's level so you can easily see one another. Being face to face allows you to:

- See what your child is interested in and communicating about
- Notice any turns your child may take – with or without words
- Show your child you are interested and ready to communicate



2. Let Your Child "Read" the Book Their Way

Letting the child "read" their way makes it fun for them – and that is what is most important.

Letting your child "read" their way means:

- Letting them choose which book to look at
- Letting them hold the book
- Letting them turn the page
- Letting them decide what to look at and talk about

3. Observe, Wait and Listen™ on Each Page

To encourage your child to be actively involved when reading a book, it's important to:

- **Observe** what they are looking at and interested in. Watch for any facial expressions, gestures or actions they may use.
- **Wait** expectantly to give your child a chance to take their turn. Lean in, smile and show your child you are interested in what they have to communicate.
- **Listen** for your child's turn. You may hear sounds, words or short phrases.



Wait up to 10 seconds for your child to communicate when you turn to a new page or show them something on the page. You may not need to wait the full 10 seconds, but if you do, and your child doesn't take a turn, make a comment about something they are looking at or are interested in, and keep reading.

4. Then, Follow Your Child's Lead

Once your child takes a turn, follow their lead to encourage them to take more turns. Follow your child's lead by making a comment that relates to what your child communicated.

When you follow your child's lead, your child will enjoy the book more and your interactions will last longer.



5. Change the Words in the Book



Instead of reading every word in the book, change the words to make it easier for your child to understand. You can also use words that relate to your child's interests and what they have communicated. Repeat the words that capture what your child is interested in and use them in short, grammatical sentences. Emphasize these words by saying them louder or stretching them out (e.g., "That's a huuuuuge dog"). Show the meaning of the words by pointing to pictures and using gestures or actions.

When you turn book reading into a conversation, you help your child become an active participant, which means they have more opportunities to interact, communicate and learn.

Learn More

Turn Book Reading into a Conversation is a strategy from the It Takes Two to Talk® guidebook. Learn more about how this guidebook can help you support your child's communication at www.hanen.org/ITTTguidebook.



Super Saturday!

at Children's Scrapstore



Arts, Crafts, & Play in our Playroom

Join us for **FREE** and crafty fun, aimed towards Primary School children and their families. This drop-in session runs from **10:00am - 11:30am.**

No unaccompanied Children. This session takes place in our Playroom, and can be busy, so you may need to wait for a moment in our Children's Corner if the room is full.

www.childrensscrapstore.co.uk/free-events



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