

Autumn 2026 Term Newsletter

We are excited to begin the new academic year and extend a very warm welcome to all our new families joining us this term. To those returning, welcome back – it's wonderful to see you again!

We are also delighted to share that we have received excellent feedback from local schools about our pre-school leavers. They have settled in very well and are ready to continue their academic journey with confidence.

For more information, please visit our nursery website at www.theplayhousenursery.com, where you can find our policies, procedures, menus, and lots of other useful details.



Tapestry

Most of you will now be familiar with our children's online learning journal, Tapestry. For those who have just joined us, Tapestry enables you to follow your child's individual progress closely and reflect upon achievements with your child. You can add comments so that we, as a nursery, find out about which activities your child really enjoys and the learning they get up to at home. Tapestry updates are sent to parents once every 7-10 days. However, if there are any additional observations then the practitioners will also send those to you.

The Tapestry platform works seamlessly to enable these memories to be kept as a permanent record of each child's unique journey. All information held in the platform is stored securely. At the end of your child's time at nursery the learning journey will be available in PDF and upon your request it will be sent to you by email.

To minimise the time spent at pickup and to allow our staff to return to their rooms, we have implemented an option for our 'Little Discoverers' (Babies) and 'Little Explorer' (Toddlers) on Tapestry called 'Care Diary', which gives parents daily feedback on their child's day at the nursery such as nap times, meals, etc. However, if there are any concerns / observations that cannot be communicated via Tapestry, our staff will inform you at drop off / pick up.

Upcoming Events 2026

Recycle Week	Monday 21 st – Friday 25 th Sept
Space Week	Monday 28 th – Friday 2 nd Oct
Green Libraries Week	Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd Oct
Halloween Party	Friday 30 th October
Bonfire Night	Thursday 5 th November
Diwali	Friday 6 th November
Nursery Rhyme Week	Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th November
Remembrance Day	Wednesday 11 th November
Children In Need (Bake Sale)	Friday 13 th November
Maths Week	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th November
Road Safety Week	Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th November
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 10 th December
Christmas Party	Tuesday 15 th December
Nursery Closes at 1PM	Wednesday 23 rd December
Inset Day – Nursery Closed	Monday 4 th January 2027
Nursery Re-opens	Tuesday 5 th January 2027

Cold & Wet Weather

Could we please ask that now the colder/wetter weather is on its way, you send your child in with suitable clothing, and spare clothes in their nursery bag. It is important that the children can be taken outside where possible. **Please can we ask that all clothes, boots are clearly labelled.**

Fresh Milk

Milk and dairy products are an important part of a young child's diet. They're a good source of energy and protein, and contain a wide range of vitamins and minerals, including calcium. These will help young children build bones and keep teeth healthy. We are pleased to announce that we have renewed our contract with CoolMilk to provide our children with freshly delivered milk every day.

Uniform for Pre-school children 3+



It is the nursery's policy that all children from 3 years old upwards wear nursery uniform. Uniforms create a sense of belonging to a particular school/nursery and an identity for the nursery in the community. When everyone is dressed in the same uniform, it promotes a sense of teamwork and breaks barriers between peers. Our uniform consists of a plain white t-shirt / polo shirt which you can purchase from anywhere and a navy sweatshirt or cardigan with our logo on, these can be purchased from <https://myclothing.com/collections/the-playhouse-nursery-27887> Children can wear any colour trousers, joggers, shorts, leggings, and skirts. There are also other clothing options available from our suppliers, please feel free to purchase any other item that you wish your child to wear but this is not mandatory. **(Our babies & toddlers do not need to wear uniform)**

The pictures on the side show the correct colour that should be purchased.

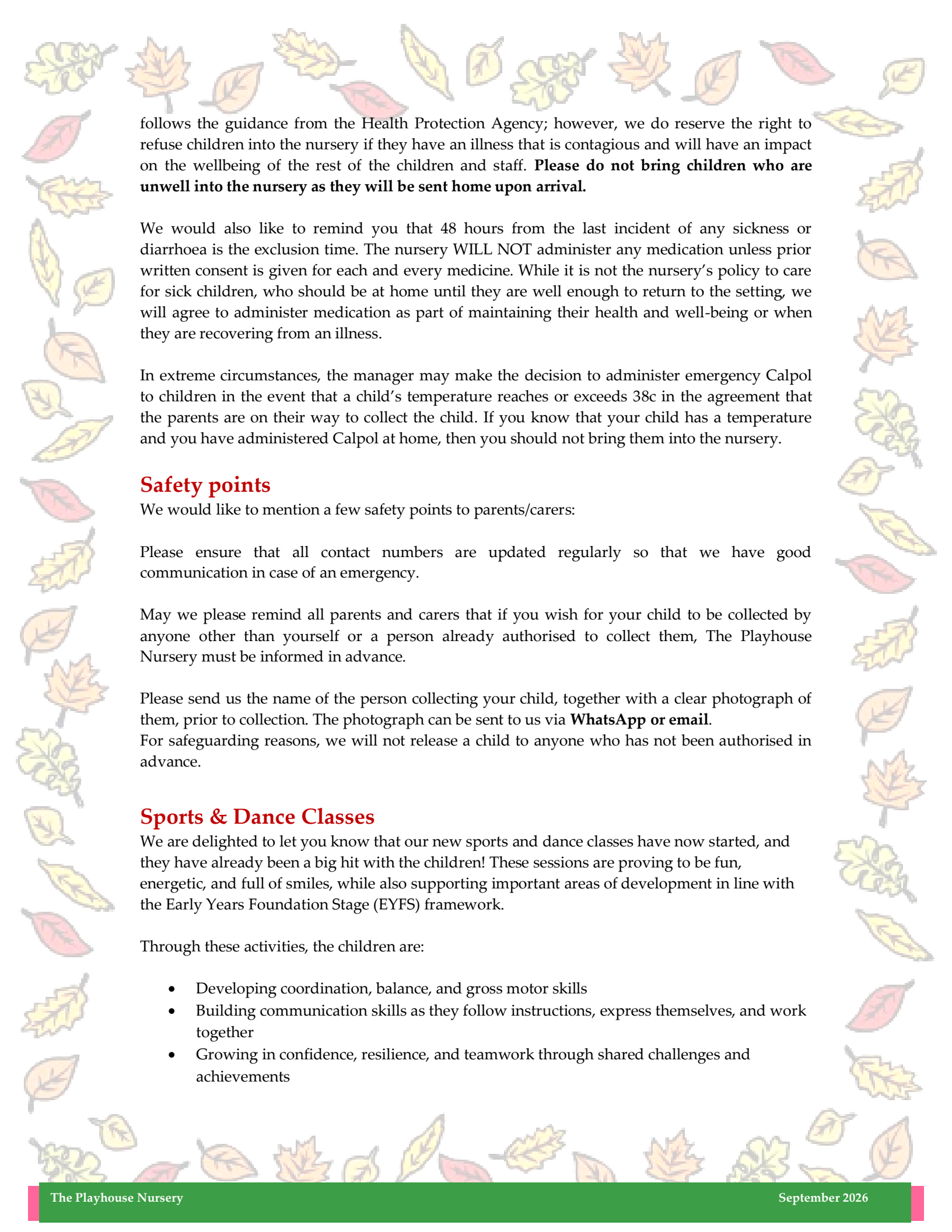
Black History Month

As part of Black History Month, the children will enjoy a wide range of activities including taking part in dancing, looking at different stories, arts and crafts. Black History Month has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It takes place during the month of October. It is held to highlight and celebrate the achievements and contributions of the black community in the UK. Throughout October, we will be looking at a range of influential people for Black History Month and the great contributions that have been made to society in the fields of art, music, science, literature and many more areas.

Child Illness Policy

It is that time of year when winter sickness and/or diarrhoea bugs are starting. Unfortunately, it is not possible to distinguish between the causes, therefore it is essential that the same rule of exclusion applies in ALL cases of Vomiting or Diarrhoea.

At The Playhouse Nursery, we promote the good health of children attending nursery and take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection. This policy has been devised to ensure that children who become unwell at nursery are treated sensitively and with respect. It also helps us to protect other children from illness and the spread of infection. The Manager is not allowed to admit any children onto the premises who appear to be suffering from an infectious or contagious illness or disease or appears to have high temperature. The Playhouse Nursery



follows the guidance from the Health Protection Agency; however, we do reserve the right to refuse children into the nursery if they have an illness that is contagious and will have an impact on the wellbeing of the rest of the children and staff. **Please do not bring children who are unwell into the nursery as they will be sent home upon arrival.**

We would also like to remind you that 48 hours from the last incident of any sickness or diarrhoea is the exclusion time. The nursery WILL NOT administer any medication unless prior written consent is given for each and every medicine. While it is not the nursery's policy to care for sick children, who should be at home until they are well enough to return to the setting, we will agree to administer medication as part of maintaining their health and well-being or when they are recovering from an illness.

In extreme circumstances, the manager may make the decision to administer emergency Calpol to children in the event that a child's temperature reaches or exceeds 38c in the agreement that the parents are on their way to collect the child. If you know that your child has a temperature and you have administered Calpol at home, then you should not bring them into the nursery.

Safety points

We would like to mention a few safety points to parents/carers:

Please ensure that all contact numbers are updated regularly so that we have good communication in case of an emergency.

May we please remind all parents and carers that if you wish for your child to be collected by anyone other than yourself or a person already authorised to collect them, The Playhouse Nursery must be informed in advance.

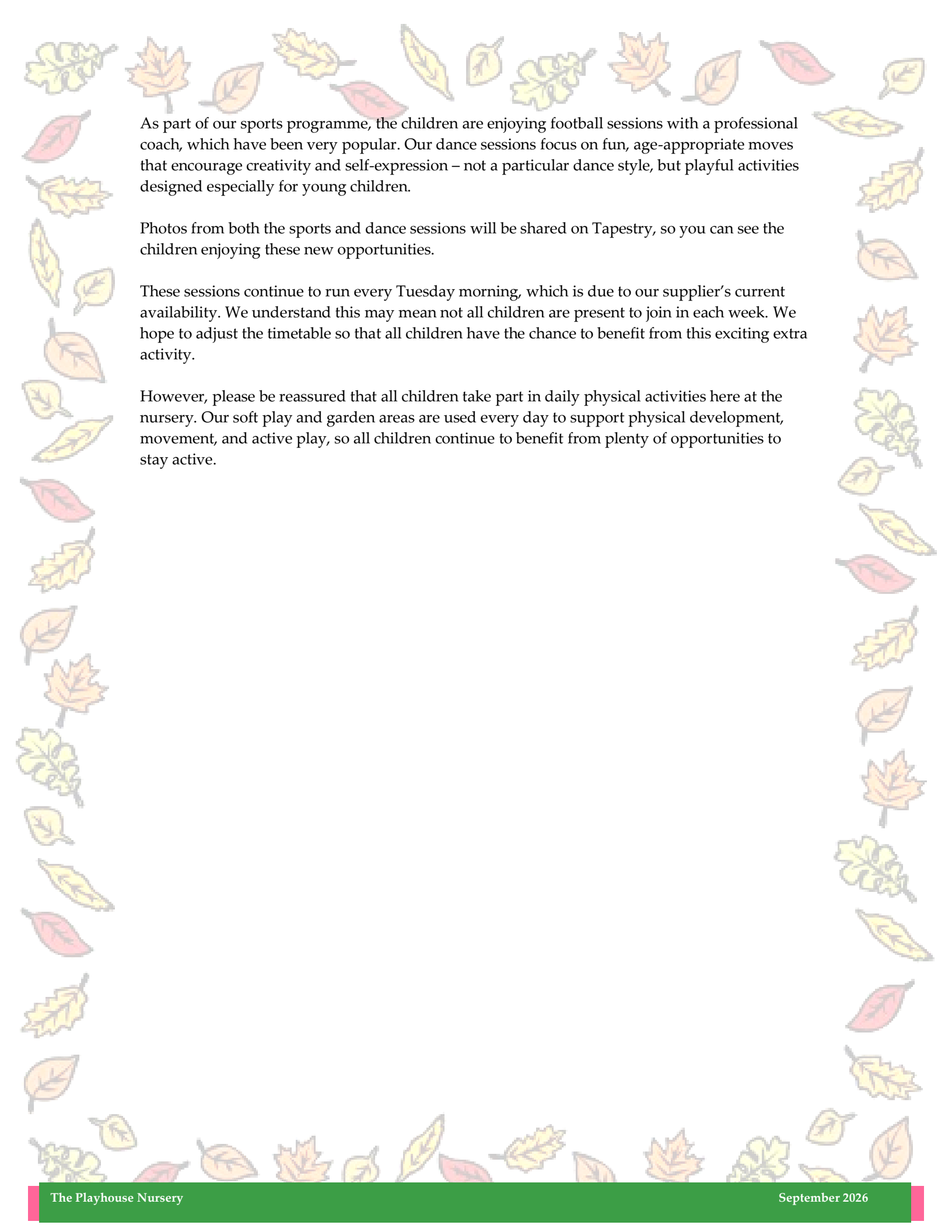
Please send us the name of the person collecting your child, together with a clear photograph of them, prior to collection. The photograph can be sent to us via **WhatsApp or email**. For safeguarding reasons, we will not release a child to anyone who has not been authorised in advance.

Sports & Dance Classes

We are delighted to let you know that our new sports and dance classes have now started, and they have already been a big hit with the children! These sessions are proving to be fun, energetic, and full of smiles, while also supporting important areas of development in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework.

Through these activities, the children are:

- Developing coordination, balance, and gross motor skills
- Building communication skills as they follow instructions, express themselves, and work together
- Growing in confidence, resilience, and teamwork through shared challenges and achievements



As part of our sports programme, the children are enjoying football sessions with a professional coach, which have been very popular. Our dance sessions focus on fun, age-appropriate moves that encourage creativity and self-expression – not a particular dance style, but playful activities designed especially for young children.

Photos from both the sports and dance sessions will be shared on Tapestry, so you can see the children enjoying these new opportunities.

These sessions continue to run every Tuesday morning, which is due to our supplier's current availability. We understand this may mean not all children are present to join in each week. We hope to adjust the timetable so that all children have the chance to benefit from this exciting extra activity.

However, please be reassured that all children take part in daily physical activities here at the nursery. Our soft play and garden areas are used every day to support physical development, movement, and active play, so all children continue to benefit from plenty of opportunities to stay active.