



Our learning

Learning through food

The children had lots of fun with our topic books last half term. We had a big focus on food. We started the May with a visit from Saeeda who came in to show the children how to make roti bread. The children enjoyed mixing, rolling, cooking and eating the flatbreads. It was such a fun session. If any other parents would like to come in and share a cooking session with the children please let us know. We would love to see you and can provide the ingredients.

We then extended our bread making to 'bread on a stick' in Forest School. The children helped to prepare the dough the day before so that it was ready to roll and twist around the cooking stick. It tasted lovely.

The food theme continued with the children exploring the fruits from our story Handa's Surprise. They got to handle, smell, touch and eat a variety of tropical fruits such as avocado, mango, passion fruit and guava. At the end of half term the children noticed the ripe elderflowers in the garden. They helped to harvest the flowers and turned them into cordial. The finished drink was very refreshing and went down a treat.

Green Tree Court

Our elderly friends from Green tree Court are continuing to visit the children each half term. Their visits provide the children with wonderful opportunities for inter-generational friendships, opportunities to practise speaking and listening skills and shared activities which enhance the children PSED skills. It is always lots of fun when our friends come to visit us.



Transition for the children going to school in September 2025

Before half term we have been in touch with the different primary schools our 2026 cohort will be going to in September. We have invited the new teachers to Chestnut Nursery to visit your children in setting and we have asked to arrange meetings with the teachers to discuss transition.

Over the course of this half term your child's new school will invite your child to visit their new class. Parents are responsible for taking the children to and from these sessions. If you need to arrange for someone else to take your child let us know, as we will not release the children to a different adult without prior agreement.

At Chestnut we will be supporting this change with stories about new settings, circle time activities, pictures of the new schools and opportunities to dress up in school uniforms.

May's Gallery



Other news

Save the dates!

Thursday 5th June @ 1.45pm Toileting workshop— This is an informal session for parents wanting to learn more about toilet training or looking for support. Most children are ready to master potty independence and lead in many parts of the process from around 18 months. The session is free to come along to and join.

Friday 13th June @ 2.30pm Fathers Day Forest School—This is an opportunity for dads/grandads to come and spend time with their child in our Apple Garden, playing and taking part in activities to celebrate Father's Day.

Tuesday 24th June @ 2.40pm Community Litter pick—Come and join us for our regular community litter pick in the lane and surrounding area outside Chestnut Nursery School. Together we can help to look after our local environment and do our bit for the planet.

Tuesday 8th July @ 3-4pm Gardening Club—Parents and carers are welcome to join us, with their children, to help with jobs in and around our gardens. Your help makes such a difference.

Wednesday 18th July @ 12 noon Chestnut Nursery School Annual Summer Picnic—Parents/carers (max 2 per family) are invited to join us for our annual summer picnic. You can order a picnic lunch from our fabulous cook Debbie or bring your own to share with your child in the Apple Garden. More information and booking form to follow.

Monday 21st July @ 2.30pm Leavers Ceremony and tea—If your child is leaving Chestnut Nursery this summer you are invited to our Leavers Ceremony and shared tea with your child's key worker.

Wednesday 23rd July—Last day of term

Pick ups and drop off times

It is important that children are dropped off and picked up on time each day. Morning drop off is 9—9.10am. If you cannot make this time we will ask you to come back at 12 noon and join from the afternoon session.

Pick up times are 12 noon and 3pm.

We currently have spaces in our breakfast and after school clubs if you need to drop off or pick up outside these times.

Garden update—Woodchip



We have had a recent delivery of woodchip. The children helped to transport the woodchip in their wheelbarrows to laydown in the mud kitchen, under the Apple Garden shelter

and in our Forest School circle area. The woodchip has certainly enhanced the garden spaces.



