

Haslemere Newsletter



Welcome

Thank you for taking the time to read our July newsletter! June was a very warm month, the children have been busy learning, exploring, and having lots of fun. Take a look at some of the highlights from last month, as well as the exciting things we have planned for July.

This month

The children have been embracing the sunny sunshine we have been having and have enjoyed lots of fun outdoors. There have been lots of conversations and activities around weather as each day it has been something different.



The children have been enjoying exploring our new menu and have shown great enthusiasm for a wide variety of foods. In particular, the hidden veg mac and cheese and oaty fingers have been firm favourites. It has been wonderful to see them trying different fruits and vegetables presented in a range of creative ways, helping to encourage healthy eating habits while making mealtimes fun and enjoyable.



We enjoyed celebrating Father's Day by surprising our dads with breakfast bags and a coffee to take on their morning travels. It was a wonderful way to show our appreciation and make the morning drop of that little bit easier.

Next month, we will begin preparing to say goodbye to our Owls as they get ready to take the next exciting step in their journey to school. We are looking forward to marking this important milestone at our Graduation celebration on Wednesday 15th July, where we can come together to celebrate all the children have achieved.



What we have been up to...

Hedgehogs have been enjoying Jazz Hands, taking part in lots of dancing and action nursery rhymes. They have loved moving their bodies, followed actions, and joined in with familiar songs. During the warmer days, we have been finding fun ways to stay cool by exploring the garden, playing with water trays, and taking part in ice play activities.

Butterflies have been busy learning about the vegetables growing in our garden, enjoying the opportunity to observe what has grown and discuss how plants grow. They have also been exploring our new toys in the room. The children have challenged themselves through sorting and threading activities, developing their concentration and fine motor skills. We have also had lots of fun signing space-themed songs in Jazz Hands, encouraging communication, creativity, and a love of music.



Little Toads have enjoyed celebrating Father's Day by sharing stories about their dads and talking about the special things they do together. The children have also loved exploring their new car ramp, racing cars and comparing which ones travelled the fastest. As part of our learning about plants, they have been discovering what plants need to grow and have particularly enjoyed helping to water and care for them.

Owls have thoroughly enjoyed learning about how plants grow and have taken great pride in growing their own broad beans. They have been carefully observing the changes each week and talking about what their plants need to help them grow. Forest School has been a particular highlight this term, where the children have been learning about mini beasts and exploring their natural habitats. They were especially excited to find and gently catch some mini beasts to observe up close. The Owls have also loved dancing and singing, and their enthusiasm has been so great that they have taken it upon themselves to perform their group time dance songs throughout the day!

Parent Notices

Staff updates

In June, we welcomed Megan to the team who has been enjoying getting to know all the children.

It is with a heavy heart that we will be saying we are saying goodbye to Nicole and Kirsti this month. We are sad to see them leave us and wish them all the best for the future.

We hope you will also join us in wishing Jenny all the best as she goes on MAT this month, we can not wait to hear the arrival of her little one.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
5th July 2026	NHS Birthday 2026
9th July 2026	Ballet – parent end of term session
15th July 2026	Owls Graduation
17th July 2026	End of Term

We are delighted to say Phoebe will be celebrating end of term with a ceremony and opportunity for the parents to see our ballet lessons.

Little Toads 09:30-10am

Owls 10:20-10.50am

Please let your child's room know if you will be attending.



Recipe of the Month

Salmon, butterbean and potato gratin

Ingredients

- 500g boneless, skinless salmon fillets (fresh or frozen)
- 400g potatoes cooked and mashed
- 800g tinned butterbeans
- 200g frozen peas
- 200g sweetcorn
- 400g spinach
- 150g grated cheese
- 250 ml milk

Method

1. Cook salmon and thoroughly check for bones whilst flaking the fish.
2. In a saucepan, gently heat the milk, then add frozen peas, sweetcorn, spinach.
3. Simmer gently for 5-7 minutes until the veg is soft and heated through.
4. Let cool slightly, then blend until smooth using a hand blender or jug blender to create a creamy, bright green sauce.
5. In a large mixing bowl or dish, combine the cooked potatoes (lightly mashed), carefully flaked salmon and the beans.
6. Pour over the blended veg sauce and gently mix until everything is well coated.
7. Transfer the mixture into a large ovenproof baking dish, sprinkle the grated cheese evenly over the top.
8. Bake in a preheated oven at 180°C / 350°F for 20-25 minutes, or until the top is golden and bubbling.

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