



Newsletter

Royal Docks



Monthly Newsletter

February 2026



Staff of the month



Congratulations, Miss Asha and Miss Tegan, for your outstanding hard work and teamwork!

Parent of the month



Congratulations to Diya (Indu's mum) for all her dedication and engagement with the nursery!

Term Dates 2026

HALF TERM: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

EASTER BREAK: Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

INSET DAY: Thursday 7th May

BANK HOLIDAY: Monday 25th May

HALF TERM: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May **(Term Time Only)**

Parent Partnership

At New Birth Day Nursery, we warmly invite parents to be active partners in their children's learning journey. We encourage families to visit and share a story, teach a special skill, or help us celebrate important cultural events. Your experiences, talents, and traditions greatly add to what we offer and help the children learn about the world in a fun and real way.

If you're interested in joining future sessions or sharing something with the children, please reach out to the manager, we would love to have you involved. Also, feel free to leave any feedback or suggestions on Baby's Days.

Dates For Your Diary

Reminders (🔔)

Payment of fees are due on the **1st of each month**, if you are paying your nursery fee through childcare vouchers or tax-free childcare this must be processed by the 24th of each month in order to hit the nursery account by or on the 1st of each month. Please note that any payments paid after the **1st of each month** will result in a **£20 daily charge**.

Friday 13th February - Valentine's Breakfast & Parents' Meeting

Join us at the nursery for a delightful Valentine's-themed light breakfast before you head off for the day. On the same date, parents' meetings will also take place, with each family being allocated a specific time slot to come into the nursery

Monday 16th - Friday 20th Half Term (TT ONLY)

The last day for term time children will be Friday 13th February and they will return back to nursery on Monday 23rd February

Tuesday 17th February -

On the 17th, the nursery will be celebrating a variety of important cultural events, including the beginning of **Ramadan**, **Chinese New Year**, and **Pancake Day**. The children will take part in activities such as stories, crafts, music, and sensory play to help them explore and appreciate different traditions and celebrations. We will focus on themes of sharing, kindness, family, and togetherness in a fun and inclusive way throughout the day.

Weaning your baby Webinar

Every month, Early Start hosts a webinar for parents who are eager to learn how to wean their baby. It's a 45-minute session where you'll learn a variety of helpful tips and guidance. Don't worry if you can't make it this month, the webinars are held regularly every month. - [Click Here!](#)

Dates For Your Diary



Nursery Calendar of Events & Key Dates

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- Term Dates, Nursery Closures & Bank Holidays
- Nursery Events & Celebrations
- Child Progress Meetings (In person & Over The Phone)
- Cultural & Awareness Days

[\(TT ONLY\)](#) - Term Time Children Only

We welcome parents and carers who wish to share cultural, religious, or awareness celebrations with the children. Please speak to a member of the management team in advance so arrangements can be made.

Jan

- 5th: Return to Nursery

Feb

- 16th - 20th Half Term [\(TT ONLY\)](#)
- 13th: Valentine's Breakfast - Join us at the nursery for a delightful light breakfast before you head off for the day!
- 13th Catch Up and Cuppa - Parents are warmly invited to join us in the nursery for a friendly chat and a cuppa to discuss their child's progress.
- 14th: Valentines Day
- 17th: Ramadan begins, Chinese New Year, Pancake Day

Mar

- 1st: Baba Marta
- 5th: World Book Day - Children come into nursery dressed as their favourite book character
- 15th: Mother's Day
- 19th: Eid
- 20th: World Oral Health/Red Nose Day
- 30th March - 10th April - Easter Holidays [\(TT ONLY\)](#)

Apr

- 3rd & 6th: Easter Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed
- 10th: Coffee Morning - Parents are invited to discuss policies, share feedback, and receive updates.
- 15th: World Art Day
- 29th: International Dance Day
- 30th: World Jazz Day

May

- 4th: Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed
- 7th: INSET Day - Nursery Closed for staff training
- 15th: International Family Day
- 25th - 29th: Half Term [\(TT ONLY\)](#)
- 25th: Bank Holiday Nursery Closed
- 27th: Parent Meeting - Parents will be assigned a specific time slot for their over the phone meeting.

Jun

- Pride Month
- 1st: International Children's Day
- 10th - 14th: Healthy Eating Week (British Nutrition Foundation)
- 11th: World Cup Begins
- 14th: King Charles' Official Birthday (Trooping the Colour)
- 21st: Father's Day

Jul

- 3rd: Coffee Morning - Parents are invited to discuss policies, share feedback, and receive updates
- 6th: Sport's Day - [\(Date Subject to Change\)](#)
- 10th: Teddy Bear's Picnic
- 17th: Graduation - Pre-school Graduation Ceremony
- 20th July - 31st August: Summer Holidays [\(TT ONLY\)](#)
- 24th: End of Term Trip - [\(Date Subject to Change\)](#)

Aug

- 6th: Jamaican Independence Day
- 14th: Parents Meeting - Parents will be assigned a specific time slot for their over the phone meeting.
- 31st: Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed

Sep

- 7th: Return to Nursery [\(TT ONLY\)](#) TBC
- 15th: World Afro Day
- 23rd: World Sign Language Day - We invite any parents proficient in sign language to join us for this special occasion.

Oct

- Black History Month
- 4th: Grandparent's Day - Grandparents are warmly invited to join us in the nursery for an opportunity to read to our little ones
- 23rd: Coffee Morning - Parents are invited to discuss policies, share feedback, and receive updates
- 26th - 30th: Half Term [\(TT ONLY\)](#)
- 31st: Pumpkin Day

Nov

- Harvest Collection
- 8th: Diwali
- 11th: Remembrance Day
- 16th - 22nd: Road Safety Week
- 20th: BBC Children in Need

Dec

- 4th: Hannukah
- 10th: Christmas Jumper Day - Children can wear their favourite Christmas jumper to nursery.
- 18th: Last day of term [\(TT ONLY\)](#) TBC
- 18th: Christmas Production - Parents are invited to watch their child's Christmas performance, followed by a festive social gathering with mulled wine and refreshments.
- 21st: [Last Day For Full Year Children](#)
- 22nd: INSET Day - Nursery Closed for staff training
- 23rd, 24th, 29th, 30th, 31st: Nursery Closed
- 25th & 28th: Bank Holiday - Nursery Closed

What Are We Learning About This Month?

LITTLE ANGELS

This month, the little ones will be discovering **Old Mc Donald's Farm** by exploring its various colours, sensations, appearances, and more! Here are some ways you can participate at home:

- **Watch short, educational clips**
- **Engage in themed cooking**
- **Reading Elma books**

BUSY ANGELS

This month, our toddlers will embark on a whimsical adventure centred around the theme of 'Transport,' exploring the exciting world of vehicles like buses, bikes, trains, and more to ignite their imaginations! Here are some engaging ways you can participate in the fun at home:

- Enjoy short, educational videos together
- Take your little ones on walks through the forest
- Read books that connect to the theme

BRIGHT ANGELS

This month, pre-schoolers will explore '**Healthy Eating**' through fruits, vegetables, and nutritious snacks. Here are ways to participate at home:

- Watch educational videos on food benefits
- Involve children in preparing healthy meals
- Read books about balanced diets
- By learning about nutrition, kids can understand how it supports their growth. Encourage them to try new foods and discuss the health benefits of each food group.



Important Information

Take a look at this ..

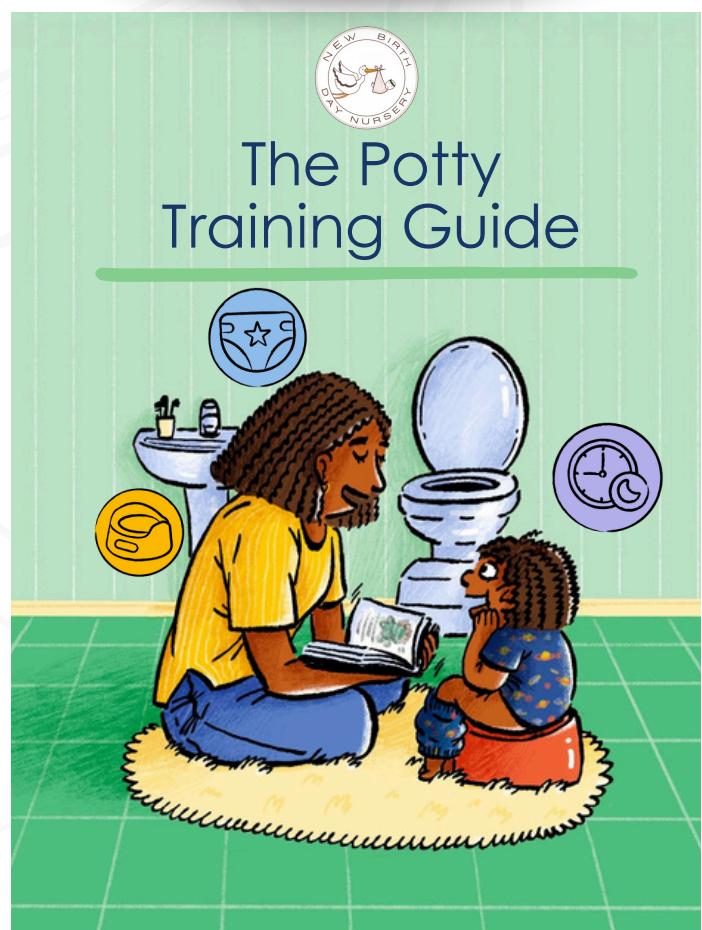
This month, we underwent a major transformation in our restrooms! We opted for a more serene, child-friendly design, quite different from our previous style. We'd love to hear your thoughts!



POTTY TRAINING GUIDE

For parents navigating the journey of potty training their toddlers, we have uploaded a comprehensive guide on Baby's Days. - alternatively, please [click here!](#)

This resource is filled with essential facts and helpful tips to support you and your little one as you embark on this important milestone.



Please be aware: All essential information shared in the newsletter will also be posted on Baby's Day's. Keep an eye out, as you won't want to miss any important dates/ information



Parent Referral Programme

Love our nursery? Shout about it!

When you refer a family and they join, **YOU** earn **£50 credit** towards your nursery fees.

But it doesn't stop there...

1 Family = £50 credit

3 Families = Extra £50 bonus (that's £200 total!)

There's no limit — the more you share, the more you save.
Just ask your friend to mention your name when they sign up.

Let's grow our nursery family together!

Rewards are added once the referred child has been enrolled for 3 months.

Applies to new families only (not siblings).

One reward per new family referred.

Credits are non-refundable and applied to nursery fees only.

DM us or speak to your nursery manager for more info



New Birth Day Nursery Finances

FINANCE EMAIL

Please direct all financial enquires, emergency childcare requests, term-dates, 9months+, 2- or 3-year-old funding requests, student finance top-up payments, invoice queries, tax-free codes and much more to newbirth_finance@yahoo.com

UNIVERSAL 15HRS FUNDING

15 Hours Funded Universal Childcare for 3- and 4-Year Olds is available to all 3-year-olds a term after their 3rd birthday, there is no need to apply!

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-3-to-4-year-olds>

FUNDING IF YOU ARE WORKING

Check if you're entitled to childcare funding if you are working
<https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

We adhere to legal staff-to-children ratios and book in agency staff to fill the ratios if we won't have enough cover for the day. Therefore, we kindly request that you provide as much notice as possible if emergency childcare is required. Emergency childcare is any day/s outside of your child's contracted days and can be pre-booked by emailing the finance team and paying the emergency rate of £100 via cash or bank transfer. This amount is non-refundable should you change your mind.

EMERGENCY CHILDCARE HOURS

In the event of a same day emergency, please contact the nursery as early as possible and ask to speak with the nursery manager or directors who will confirm if your request can be accommodated. Payment is needed before using our services.



New Birth Day Nursery Finances

RECONFIRM YOUR FUNDING ELIGIBILITY EVERY 3 MONTHS

Parents will have been alerted by HMRC to reconfirm their eligibility by logging into their childcare account. The following outlines the timeline of reconfirmation

REMINDERS THAT PARENTS RECEIVE:

4 weeks (28 days) before validity end date

Parent receives an email reminding them to reconfirm.

2 weeks before validity end date

Parent receives an email reminding them to reconfirm (if they haven't reconfirmed yet)

DAY AFTER VALIDITY END DATE

Parents received an email telling them that their eligibility has lapsed, and they are no longer eligible for 30 hours. However, they will keep with childcare place until the grace period expires (the end of term)

HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE

MONEY TOWARDS CHILDCARE

Any **one** of the following schemes...

Age 0-3 ¹ Or 0 if disabled	Age 0-16	Age 0-15 Or 16 if disabled
Get up to £2000 per child For working families TAX-FREE CHILDCARE AVAILABLE IN UK	Claim back up to 85% of costs For working families UNIVERSAL CREDIT	Claim back up to 70% of costs For working families TAX CREDITS

... **can** be used with

FREE HOURS OF CHILDCARE

Age 2	Age 3-4	Age 3-4
For families getting certain government support 15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE	For all families 15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE	For working families 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

Important Notices

FEEDBACK

We truly value your thoughts and feedback, as it helps us continue improving the care and experiences we provide for your children.

You can share your comments, suggestions, or feedback in either of the following ways:

- 1) Complete our online feedback form:

[Click Here!](#)

- 2) Email the setting directly with anything you would like to share.

Your voice matters, and we appreciate every contribution.

REVIEW US:

Thank you for choosing New Birth as your childcare provider! We hope you and your child have had a pleasant experience. Please take a moment to review our nursery to help us promote our services to other families:



 **wow!**
To help us plan effectively we are asking parents to let us know of any wow moments!

PARACETAMOL

If your child has been given Calpol/paracetamol at home or on the way to nursery, please inform us at drop-off and let us know the exact time it was administered. At the nursery, we only give Calpol to children who have a raised temperature, and we will always seek permission from parents before administering any dose. Your cooperation helps us keep all children safe and ensures we can monitor their health appropriately throughout the day.

IMPORTANT PARENT NOTICE

Breakfast starts at 7.45am to 8.30 if you wish for your child to have breakfast please arrive before 8.20am. Do not request breakfast after 8.30am as it gets packed away and all staff go into ratio with the children. Children should arrive by 9.30am to avoid disruption to the routine if children continue to attend nursery late, they will be refused at the door. Please contact the nursery by 9.15am to inform us of any absences.

Personal Details Updates:

We now have a USEFUL FORMS page on our website for parents to make any changes to their personal details.
<https://www.newbirthnursery.com>

Important Notices

BREAKFAST MENU

As you may be aware we have now made changes to our breakfast menu. We have been introducing the children to different selections over the past weeks with some children really enjoying it.

HYGGE ACCREDITED SETTING



Bruno the everywhere Bear

Bruno appreciates the children caring for him. We look forward to seeing photos of activities with Bruno. If you haven't taken him home yet and wish to, please talk to staff. Bruno will also be available for weekend take-home to encourage children to share their experiences in our book.

SHOW AND TELL

We would also like to return to 'show and tell' every Wednesdays. Children will be allowed to bring one toy or object in and will be encouraged to discuss and show their peers. This will be to encourage children's communication, confidence, and use of vocabulary. .

DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION LEAD

Primary – Shalamar Ward
Secondary – Rahima Kibiryia
Tertiary- Michaela Howard

Designated SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator)-Liza Head

FOREST PLAY

At New Birth we are starting to introduce forest school into the nursery. Long-term outdoor education process that is holistic and learner led. It allows children to develop themselves through healthy engagement with risk, problem-solving and self-discovery, all within a natural environment in a hands-on and thoughtful manner. Our forest school leader is Miss Shalamar