



Monday

6th January 2025

through to Friday

14th February 2025

This term our art theme is "Shapes"

Thank you for your kind, Christmas gifts and cards these were all very much appreciated by the staff of Little Stars Nursery. We wish you and your family a very happy, prosperous and happy 2025 and that you and your families stay safe and well.

We very much welcome all those children who will be starting with us as we hope they have a very enjoyable time. We look forward to sharing new memories and happy times in our new premises.

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Week</u>	<u>Skills</u>
Circle	1	Sticking.
Triangle	2	Paint stamping.
Square	3	Potato printing.
Rectangle	4	Spraying.
Heart	5	Sticking.
Shape Mat	6	Sticking.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
Monday 6th January 2025	<i>Return to nursery.</i>
Tuesday 14th January pm, Thursday 16th January am.	<i>GA Sports start of 5-week course.</i>
Wednesday 29th February to Monday 3rd February	<i>Chinese New Year</i>
Friday 14th February	<i>Last day of term</i>
Monday 24th February	<i>Return to nursery.</i>
Monday 3rd March	<i>Ramadan</i>
Tuesday 4th March.	<i>Pancake day.</i>
Thursday 6th March	<i>World book day (optional dressing up)</i>
Tuesday & Wednesday 11th / 12th March	<i>Sponsor days.</i>
Friday 14th March.	<i>Holi Celebration</i>
Monday 17th March	<i>St Patricks day</i>
Sunday 30th March	<i>Mother's Day.</i>
Tuesday 1st April	<i>Open day / Messy play</i>
Friday 4th April.	<i>Last day of term & Easter activities</i>
Wednesday 23rd April	<i>Return to nursery & St Georges day.</i>
Monday 5th May	<i>Closed Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday & Wednesday 13th/14th May	<i>Little Urchins</i>
Friday 23rd May.	<i>Last day of term</i>

Bike days:-Now to be held inside in our corridors – please can parents leave their bikes in the main foyer entrance.

Monday 13th January

Tuesday 21st January

Wednesday 29th January

Thursday 6th February

Friday 14th February.



Sponsor days. 11/12th March 2025

Sponsorship forms will be given out at the end of this term, which is the only fundraising event we carry out for the nursery itself.

All monies raised help us maintain and enhance our equipment and improve our outside play area (this is our next large project). More details to follow.

Xmas party & Open day

I would like to acknowledge how well behaved all the children were at the Xmas party and they loved seeing Father Christmas come to see them.

Photos will be on display within an album outside nursery, in the new year at a cost of 50p if you want to see your child with Father Christmas. We will place a bowl next to it to put your money in and then you can take your child's photo.

GA Football & Fitness

Letters will be given out during the first week of term and football will commence the second week of term. Alternatively, you can just email me that you wish your child to have a place and pay me thereafter.

This will now be held indoors at a cost of £20.00 for 5 weeks. If you paid monies last term these will have been held over.

Parking

Please ensure that when you enter through the main gate you always park or drop off your child in the car park to the left. The car park on the right as you enter is used by other companies.

School readiness

We are working towards the children transferring to school next year and referring to Bexley's, Born Ready, School Ready, Bexley ready.

To further help this process we would like the earliest notification of your child's preferred school place, so that we can start putting the children into their first choice working groups.

This term the children will be working on letters, phonics and numbers. Some of the activities will be, threading pasta, coloured scarfs to music and cutting.

The younger children will be working on pencil control and fine motor skills. This includes jumping games, colour hoops and chalk activities.

All children will be continuing with WellComm.

School places

If you are applying for a school place for your child, this has to be in by 15th January 2025. If you feel you need to discuss this further, please come to see me.

Collecting.

We would appreciate donations of any old toys or jigsaw together with old wellington boots for our garden area.

Should we receive duplicated items we will be passing these onto charity.

Messy play day - Tuesday 1st April.

This is an opportunity for parents to come into nursery to have a chat with their child's keyperson or myself and to have a chance to participate in messy play with your child. Parents are welcome from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

If this date is not your child's session, you are more than welcome to come in should you wish to. The theme we are adopting includes, crazy foam, cornflower table, bubble painting and walking in cornflakes.

Nearer the time, a notice board will be situated in the main foyer for parents to sign if they wish to come in. We require this to help us work out numbers as we will be serving tea, coffee and biscuits

Lost property.

We always display lost property items and any property that has not been claimed at the end of the term will either be given to charity or destroyed.

To reduce these please ensure your children's clothing have labels with their name clearly shown on them. Our lost property is now in the main entrance for you to go through.

Toileting rucksacks.

Please can your child only bring in a rucksack (MUST BE NAMED) if they need changing or are in nappies / pull-ups – please ensure you put spare ones in their bags. Please could your child come into nursery in a clean nappy as although we are more than happy to change them once they are settled.

If your child is currently out of nappies, to help them go more independently can you please put them in clothing that they can easily undo themselves.

Please note we will always have spare clothes in the event of an accident.

Can you also please ensure both lunch boxes and drink bottles also be named.

Lunches.

The take up of lunches has grown to quite large numbers.

We have a high number of children and staff with nut allergies so please avoid altogether anything that contains them.

As part of the on-going promotion of healthy eating for under 5s, we request that parents keep children's packed lunches healthy and age appropriate and also provide a drink. If you wish to pack a treat for your child, a small wafer bar or similar is more than adequate. We always encourage the children to eat the savoury element of their packed lunch and any fruit provided before any treats.

Please note that we cannot allow grapes due to the risk of choking. No fizzy drinks or sweets are permitted. If you would like some practical ideas for healthy lunchboxes visit the NHS [Lunchbox Ideas](#) | [Recipes](#) | [Change4Life](#) (www.nhs.uk).”

Outside area,

This will be our next project that we will focus on. Hopefully, over the Christmas holidays, Bexley will have supplied and erected new secure fencing to allow the children to start outside play.

Facebook

We now have a nursery facebook which we will only monitor once a week. We will post things like photos, news etc.

Please though if you have questions use the normal process rather than facebook.

Tax credits

We are aware of the issues some parents are facing in paying fees but rest assured, Ofsted are on the case and we are hopeful this will be rectified very soon.

Contact Numbers. / Email addresses

Please let us know if you change any of your contact numbers or email address. It is vital that these numbers are kept up to date in case we need to contact you while your child is in our care.

If we have to close nursery, or you suspect we might be (normally due to adverse weather conditions) please refer to my emails.

The 1st point of contact number for nursery is -07804 650095 and the 2nd is 07960 814733

Help please.

As you are aware, we had to vacate our last premises with very little notice and set up quickly in our new premises.

This took a lot of effort and one thing that we did not move was our outside shed. We would like to relocate this but need help as we will require a van to put the large panels in.

It would also be very helpful if someone who is a good DIY or carpenter to help us take it apart to then load it with help and then re-erect it in our new outside play area.

Bad weather

If we encounter really bad weather and or have to close, we will always notify you by email

Policies

Due to our new location and new guidelines, updating these is an ongoing process so please either view the ones on our website or feel free to ask me for any hard copy that you wish to see.