

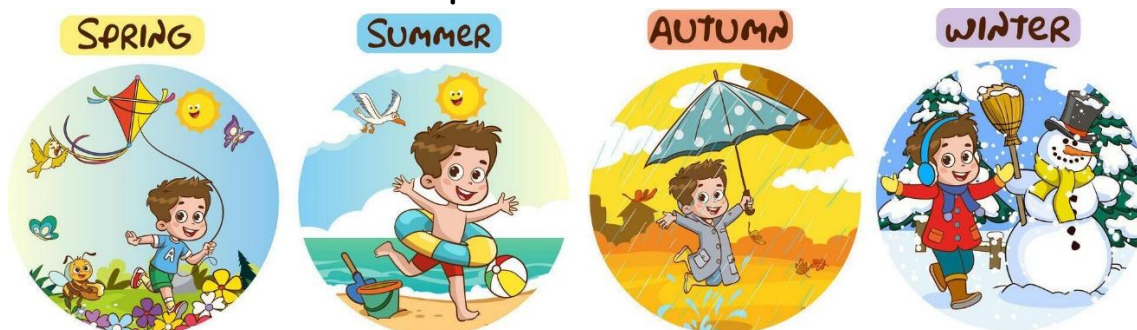


Buttercups Newsletter



April 2026

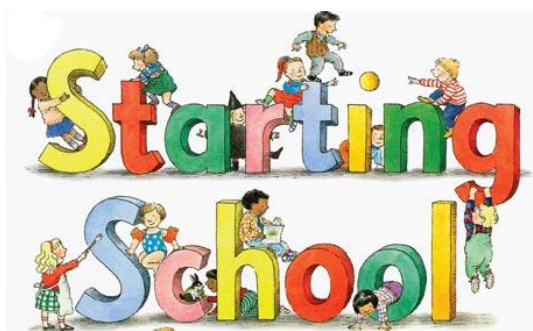
This months topics are Seasons and Weather.



Early drop-offs

Early Drop offs can only happen by arrangement if you drop your child off before they're booked in time as this causes us a problem with ratios. If you wish to drop your child off early you must call in advance to ensure that there is space for your child to be left. This extra will be chargeable.

School Places September 2026



Calling all Pre School Parents! Please can we ask that you send us an email with your child's confirmed School placement. It's important that we have the correct information to ensure a smooth transition for your child from nursery to school.

Please click on the link below for a fab and informative leaflet in relation to Children Starting Reception.

[Starting Reception](#)

Exciting Updates to the Provision

We have been working hard over the Easter period to enhance the provision available to our children, specifically our outdoor space. We will continue to add more exciting things over the summer term with lots planned. We have added an investigation classroom to our mud kitchen area as well as pergola over our decking area in our baby garden. We have also enhanced this garden with a mud kitchen and exploratory unit to enable our younger children to have access to this sensory experience.



Home Learning



We are in the process of putting together some home learning bags, we managed to hand out a large number of these on Saturday morning to our families who attended Parent Morning meetings. A big thank you to everyone who took the time to come along. This month's home learning bags are all about growing cress and contain everything you need to do this with your child at home. The bags will be available for everyone to take one from today outside the main door.

Fathers Day Treat!



Calling all dads!

Join us for a fun, hands-on Messy Play Morning to celebrate Father's Day.

Date: Saturday 20th June 2026

Time: 10am -11.30am

Location: Buttercups Nursery

Bring your little one for splashing, squishing, crafting, and exploring together and enjoy a pasty and a cup of tea on us.

A relaxed, playful morning to make memories (and a bit of a mess!).

We'd love to see you there. To book your place please click on the link below. If you pay consumables this event is free of charge. If you do not pay consumables and would like to attend, a charge of £15.00 will be added to your invoice. Please book via the link below

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/ButtercupsNursery/FathersDayMessyPlayMorning>

Staff Changes

Shannon and Sophie will not be returning to Buttercups following their maternity leave. Shannon and Sophie are going to be missed so much by us all and we would like to wish them all the best for the future.

Ellie Kitchen (Ladybirds) and Imogen (Butterflies) are leaving us to pursue different careers at the end of April. Both Ellie and Imogen will be missed by everyone here but we would like to wish them all the best for the future and in their new ventures.

Sophia has joined us as a Kitchen Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor. Sophia has 3 children of her own and is excited to help assist our kitchen team as well as working with the children.

Safer Sleep Update from Buttercups Nursery

We wanted to share an important update about safer sleep at our setting. The government has updated EYFS safer sleep guidance, and we are making sure our practice reflects this.

The key things to know are:

- Babies under 12 months sleep in a cot only
- Babies under 6 months always have an adult in the room
- Comforters are for children over 12 months only
- All sleep checks are recorded daily

If your child uses a comforter or has individual sleep needs, please speak to their key person.

We will be sending home an updated parent agreement shortly. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support ❤️

Survey re Young Somerset Workshops

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey on the Young Somerset Workshops that we can make available to our families. We are in the process of collating the results and will email the results and options out to you all soon.

Parent Forum



A big thank you to everyone who came to the Easter Egg hunt over the holidays. Thank you to our Parent Forum, particularly Hope the chairperson who has put so much effort into organising events and trying so hard to get the Forum up and running. We are really grateful for the fundraising and all the feedback and look forward to watching the Forum grow.

Some of the money raised has been already used to purchase new equipment for our updated outdoors area.

The Buttercups Parent Forum have set up a private Facebook group for parents and carers of children at Buttercups Nursery, to share details of upcoming events (including our summer disco!), forum news, nursery feedback opportunities and ways to get involved. This page will run separately to our WhatsApp group for forum volunteers, which you are also welcome to join if you'd like to take part.

Facebook Group Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/4363941097201942>

WhatsApp Group Link (for anyone that would like to volunteer with the forum): https://chat.whatsapp.com/DUqo3hiUG5f2Mxb97U9jKE?mode=gi_t

**Next Meeting for the Parent Forum - Wednesday 6th May at Buttercups Nursery School
7pm - 8pm**

Fees

Please ensure that fees are paid on time. Payment of fees is due on the 1st of every month for the up-and-coming month. Payment of November fees for example is to be paid on 1st November. If fees are not paid on time, charges will be applied to your account as per our fees, policy, this also includes suspending the child's space.

Childcare Funding

If your child is due to start with us soon and will be 9 months old please apply for your childcare funding if you are eligible - [Funding](#). Once you have the code we then need the consent form completed [here](#).

There is also lots of information on this [Website](#) regarding funding available and when to claim for your child.

A reminder that once you have your funding code, it is the parents responsibility to renew this code. We have hundreds of children claiming funding and we cannot remind everyone. HMRC should remind you but I would advise that when you get the code you then put it on your calendar as a reminder. If you don't renew your code you could potentially lose your funding for the next term.

Visit from the Alpaca's



The Alpaca's will be visiting us here at Buttercups on Monday 11th May at 10.30am

Mental Health Awareness Week

Thursday 14th May



We will be taking part in Mental Health Awareness week, specifically on Thursday 14th May. If possible, please can children come to nursery wearing something green on this day.

How Much Screen Time should my child have?



Juggling family life and raising children in a digital world can be challenging. Find out more about how to support healthy screen habits for children under 5 by clicking on the link below for some helpful guidance

[Baby and toddler screen time guidance - Best Start in Life](#)

CLOSURE DATES

It has been brought to our attention that some of our families may have forgotten about certain closure dates throughout the year. We have popped some of our important closure dates below. Both our term time and extended calendars have closure dates across the year. If you do not have a copy of the calendar please contact the office.

Nursery Closure Dates

Monday 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL FAMILIES

Mon 25th, Tues 26TH & Weds 27TH MAY NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL FAMILIES

Friday 17th July - Last Day of Term for all Term Time Only Children

Friday 31st July - Last Day of Term for 43 week (extended calendar) bookings

Monday 3rd August - Friday 4th September NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL FAMILIES

Nursery re opens to all families on Monday 7th September



Important Dates for the Diary

Thursday 14th May - Mental Health Awareness Day - join us by wearing something green!

Tuesday 23rd June - Pre School Leavers Professional Photos by Timeless Images 10am - 12pm

29th June - 3rd July Sports Week for the whole Nursery

6th - 10th July Transition Week

Friday 17th July - Pre School Graduation Service 4pm - 6pm. This event is for pre school children and their families only

