



Buttercups Newsletter



December 2025

The Gift of Giving Christmas Appeal



Every year we are so grateful for the gifts that families bring for the staff throughout December but we would like to do something different. Instead of buying a gift for the staff team, we have set up a giving tree, whereby you can choose a tag and buy a gift for someone who really needs it locally. We would like to deliver some joy and would love your help in doing so. Please do not feel that you have to do this but instead of buying for the team, we would all really appreciate a donation for those in our local community who really need it. The tree will be available to take a tag from Monday 1st December. Please return your gift to us by 1pm on Monday 15th December at the very latest.

Labelling



Please can we ask that you label ALL your child's clothing and items that they bring to nursery. Without this it's easy for things to go missing and is rather time consuming when trying to find items. We do have a lost property box and this can always be found outside the front door.

My Name Tags are one of many companies that offer stick on washable labels

<https://www.mynametags.com>

Requests to change hours/add/reduce days

We have become increasingly busy over the last few months with new starters and requests from families to increase hours. If you are thinking about changing/adding days or hours please please email us with your requests as much in advance as possible. This is extremely important for those children who will be receiving funding in the future. It's never too early to drop us your requirements and hopefully get this booked in ahead of time. We are taking bookings currently for 2027! As per our policy, we require 4 weeks written notice for any changes to hours/days/food etc.

Christmas Jumpers/Christmas Dinners and Christmas Party Week!

During the week of 8th - 12th December we will be raising money for the charity Save the Children by taking part in their Christmas Jumper Day. We would love to see as many children as possible each day of that week in their Christmas jumpers, tops, dress up or even their Christmas pyjamas! Each day of this week we will be serving a festive inspired menu for the week. Please see poster below. We will be offering alternative options for Vegetarian's/Halal/Allergies.

 FESTIVE NURSERY LUNCH MENU	
Winter Wonderland Monday Turkey & veggie meatballs in mild tomato sauce Buttered mashed potatoes	
Jolly Tuesday Mild chicken coconut curry with fluffy rice Carrot and cucumber sticks	
Santa's Feast Wednesday Roast beef slices with gravy Soft roast potatoes Honey-glazed carrots <i>alight</i>	
Twinkling Thursday Baked salmon bites with lemon Festive vegetable rice Broccoli florets Veggie nuggets	
Festive Fun Friday Mini Christmas pasta shapes with tomato-basil sauce Grated cheese on top Mini chocolate mousse pots (low sugar)	



Buttercups Boutique!

We are launching Buttercups Boutique from Monday 1st December.

We have set up a boutique through Buttercups selling high quality toys! Please visit this website for all the details. Lots of stock in our shop on the side of the nursery also (by the offices) – Please ring the office bell if you would like to view the toys within the shop.

<https://buttercupsboutiquehuntworth.myshopify.com/>

https://buttercupsboutiquehuntworth.myshopify.com/products/decorate-your-own-snowman-kit?_pos=1&_psq=snowman&_ss=e&_v=1.0

Buttercups Nursery in Huntworth was founded with a simple mission to provide a nurturing, creative, and supportive environment where children can grow, learn, and explore. Created by early childhood educator Nicola and her team the nursery quickly became a trusted space for families, built on a passion for curiosity, individuality, and developmental care.

As the business evolved, Buttercups Party Hire was introduced, offering beautifully curated party equipment and supplies.

Today, Buttercups Boutique continues that journey, bringing families a carefully selected range of toys designed to spark imagination and support early development. Each product is chosen with care, ensuring quality, creativity, and joyful learning for growing minds.

♥ Every purchase makes a difference, profits directly benefit the nursery.

No Nut Zone



Buttercups is a NO NUT ZONE. Can we please remind you not to send your child in with any nuts as snacks or products that contain or May Contain nuts. We have several children with severe allergies and because of this if you send your child to nursery with a lunch box, please can we ask that it does not contain the following: -

NUTS CHICKPEAS SESAME LEGUMES HUMMUS

Starting School in September 2026

Parents and carers of children due to start school in September 2026 can apply now! Please head to <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/> for full instructions on how to apply.

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.

Any questions, please ask the office. Thank you.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 5th December - Nursery closing at 5pm to all families

Friday 19th December - Last day here at Buttercups before the Christmas break starts.
Nursery closes at 6pm.

Monday 5th January - INSET DAY - NURSERY CLOSED

Tuesday 6th January - Nursery reopens to all families

North Petherton Community Larder

**Contributions/surplus food
welcome drop-off location Small
Hall at the Community Centre
during library opening hours**



How can you help?

- ANYONE in the local community can contribute items into the larder, reducing food waste, encouraging community goodwill and positive impact on the environment
 - Local businesses can contribute excess stock
 - Local allotment owners, gardeners and farmers can contribute excess into the larder
- We will donate anything to our local Bridgwater Foodbank if not suitable for our service.

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