Buttercups Newsletter

November 2025

Bonfire Night

On Wednesday the 5th November the Notaro Group have invited all Buttercups staff and families to their Bonfire celebrations. This will include a bonfire, some fireworks and a food van will also be on site and available to everyone to purchase hot drinks and food. This is taking place on the grass area away from the Nursery and is hosted by the Notaro Group and not Buttercups. Please feel free to park in the Nursery car park if you are going to the event. The bonfire and fireworks will start at 7pm. Food van will be available from 6pm.

We will be doing firework and bonfire crafts with the children this week.

Remembrance Day

We are going to be creating lots of poppies to fill the windows to mark Remembrance Day and if you would like to make a donation to the appeal we will have a collection tin outside the main door.

Carnival Mask

Our Grasshopper children have been working so hard to create Buttercups Entry for the Bridgwater Carnival Mask Trail. We are all super proud of our Festivities Around The World entry! You can see our Entry by visiting Inspirational Crafts.

A number of carnival masks have been decorated by local schools and nurseries and will be on display in shops and businesses in Bridgwater town centre. All of the masks create a special mask trail where participants can take part in a special competition to locate all of the masks and then be entered into a prize draw where one lucky winner will win a £25 gift/book token.

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November we will be fundraising for Children in Need by taking part in their "Challenge yourself to 25" campaign. Children are welcome to come dressed in something spotty or colourful for the day and we will be doing activities throughout the day for 25 minutes such as walks, exercises, dances and lots more fun. We are hoping to collect and raise money for the charity and we will have a collection tin outside the main door on this day.

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 will be setting 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.

Staff Changes

Kirsty will be leaving us this month and moving on to new ventures and we would like to wish her well and thank her for all of her hard work during her time here at Buttercups.

- Ange is moving to Butterflies as our Room Lead
- Jodie is moving into Dragonflies and will room lead alongside Di
- Courtney has now taken on Acting Room Lead in Ladybirds
- Meja is now our Deputy Room Lead within Grasshoppers

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.

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

SESAME

CHICKPEAS

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.

Parent Forum

Our brand-new Nursery Parent Forum has been really successful this year, fundraising a huge sum of money for us at the summer disco to purchase a De Fib. The forum has been created as a space where you can connect, share experiences, ask questions and support each other as part of our nursery community.

The goal of the forum is to provide a platform for open communication between parents and staff, and to build a network where everyone feels heard and involved in their child's early years, as well as raise some money for new resources and equipment for the nursery so that we can give back to them.

Rachel, our current chairperson is sadly no longer able to continue within the role so we are looking for parents who may be interested in taking on this role to get in touch with us via email asap! We would like to say a huge thank you to Rachel for all of her hardwork this year in getting the forum up and running alongside the secretary Lucy.

Please email parentforumbuttercups@outlook.com if there is anything you would like to be talked about at the forum- any questions you may like answered or any ideas you have for fundraising events going forward.

Office Closure

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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