

Newsletter

14th September 2026



I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and welcome back those of you returning to Bushy Leaze. I hope that you enjoyed a happy and peaceful summer and are ready for a fun packed term.

Children learn best when they are supported by caring adults and have fun, qualities that are at the heart of Bushy Leaze.

We can't wait to get to know you and your child over the coming weeks. Working in partnership with parents and carers is so important and makes such a difference for the children.

Becky



OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Becky, Tammy, Sarah, Amanda or Jess.

If you have any concerns about the health and safety of a child attending the centre, or feel something is troubling them, please share this information with a member of the safeguarding team.

OUR OFFICE TEAM

Tammy, Suzy and Emma.

Don't forget to let us know if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Also, any information changes - telephone numbers, address.

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Every child has an online learning journey called **Tapestry**. We use this to provide a snapshot of your child's learning at nursery. We believe that it's important for staff to be in the moment and share the learning experiences with the children, so they won't be making lots of notes and taking lots of photos, just recording key experiences. We will also add information about what's going on in nursery each week and share ideas for learning at home.

We love to find out what you have been up to, so encourage you to upload photos and observations from home too!

Log onto our website to find out more information and to access the parent guide to getting started on Tapestry.



Snack and Lunch

We provide children with a healthy snack of fruit, vegetables, crackers, breadsticks etc. We also provide them with milk and water.



We ask parents for a weekly £1 donation or some fruit to share.

Having a healthy lunchbox is really important. Please avoid any food that is high in sugar or fat content.

NO CHOCOLATE, SWEETS, POPCORN, FIZZY DRINKS OR NUTS.

We cannot heat food on site and lunchboxes are stored at room temperature, so you could add an ice block.

REMEMBER WE ARE
A NUT AWARE ZONE



If your child is eligible for a Free School Meal, we will let you know as soon as we can.

More information to follow...

Please Remember...

- bring in a spare set of clothes to leave at nursery
- label all clothing and lunchboxes

Top Tip for Talking



When talking with your child...

**try to use
simple language
and keep your
sentences short.**

Food time
now.

You're building
a tower.

PARKING

Our carpark is for staff only. Please be respectful of our neighbours when parking along Eastbrooke Road.

DO NOT PARK ON THE ZIGZAGS along the front of Anstey Junior School.

EXPERIENCES

At Bushy Leaze, we enhance the children's learning by putting on special activities/experiences during the course of the year.

We ask each family to make an **annual voluntary contribution of £10.00**. This helps us to provide extra experiences, such as music workshops, chicks/ducks being hatched, visiting farm, cooking activities, etc.

Dates for your Diary

Year R school place applications open on 1st November.



We will be displaying artwork at the Art Exhibition. 10th - 18th October.

Nursery will be closed Monday 26th - Friday 30th October for half term.

We will be closed on 2nd November for staff training.

Nursery will be closed 2nd November 2026 4th December 2026 4th January 2027 12th April 2027 25th June 2027 for staff training.



Family Support Update



We've been so excited to welcome our lovely families back to our groups. Remember our groups are for all ages up to 4 so nursery families are welcome to come along if you're looking for something to do with your little ones in your spare time! We can also offer 1:1 advice and support for issues such as parenting struggles, finances and housing so do contact us if you need any help!

You and Your Baby

MONDAYS 10-11.30AM
WEDNESDAYS 1 - 2.30 PM

A warm and welcoming stay and play group aimed at parents with babies to walkers and expectant parents

Have fun with our experienced team, join us for:

- Bucket time
- Personal learning journals with footprints
- Messy play
- Songs and stories

"Welcoming group. Variety of messy play. Loved bucket time"

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Young Parents

TUESDAY 1 - 2.30 PM

An inclusive, welcoming peer support group for young parents with children aged 0-5

Have fun with our experienced team, join us for:

- Outdoor play
- Focused activities such as cooking and crafts
- Messy play
- Songs and stories

"Not your typical activities you would do at home, so it was nice for us and the children to have the opportunity to do them together"

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Busby Tales

SEND & Language Development Group

WEDNESDAY 9.15 - 10.30 AM

A parent and toddler stay and play support session for families with children under 5 to develop their speech, language and communication through play

• Experienced practitioners • Routines • Snack time • Social play

"It is nice to talk to people with similar children. I feel less isolated"

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You and Your Toddler

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 9.30 - 11 AM

A vibrant and welcoming stay and play group aimed at families with children aged 0-5 years

Have fun with our experienced team, join us for:

- Crafting
- NEW exciting outdoor play area
- Messy play
- Healthy snacks

"The groups have been brilliant - welcoming to all, supportive and fun"

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Saturday Dads

SATURDAY 9.30 - 11 AM

A stay and play session for all dads and male carers with children under 5 on the first Saturday of each month

• A light breakfast is provided to all families

Autumn Term
5th September
3rd October
7th November
5th December

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Little Squirrels

SATURDAY 9.30 - 11 AM

An inclusive SEND family stay and play group running every third Saturday of each month for families with children under 5

• Experienced Practitioners
• Social Play
• Safe and Supportive Environment

Autumn Term
18th September
17th October
21st November

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