

Newsletter

October 2025



HEADS
NOTE

It has been great seeing the children settle into nursery life so quickly and we have enjoyed getting to know all our new starters. We are busy organising each child's keyperson, and will be letting you know who they are soon. Whilst all the staff know all the children really well, their keyperson is your special link with the nursery. Please speak to your child's keyperson, a senior practitioner, Sarah our SENDCo, any of the admin team or myself if you have any questions, comments or queries. We are always happy to help!

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Don't forget to look at Tapestry to see what we have been up to and also don't forget to add any 'wow' moments from home. We really love to see these.

If you have been unable to log onto Tapestry, please speak to Suzy in the office.



Walktober is a challenge held each October to celebrate international Walk to School Month.

Please try to walk, wheel or use other active and sustainable ways to travel to nursery if you can. For more information visit the website:

<https://myjourneyhampshire.com/education/walktober/>



**ALTON
art
society**
100TH ANNIVERSARY

**"PROMOTING THE PRACTICE
OF CREATIVE ARTS
IN ALTON
AND THE SURROUNDING AREA
SINCE 1925."**

Please visit the annual exhibition at

Alton Assembly Rooms

Saturday 11th October - Sunday 19th October

10am - 5pm

Free of charge

There will be artwork from local artists, schools and nurseries, including Bushy Leaze.

SNACK AND LUNCH

We provide children with a healthy snack of fruit, vegetables, crackers, breadsticks etc.

We also provide them with milk and water.

Children do not need to bring their own bottle.

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

REMEMBER WE ARE
A NUT AWARE ZONE



Please remember to try to avoid any food that is high in sugar or fat content when packing lunch.

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.

For some healthy lunch ideas visit:

www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/



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.



OFFICE TEAM

The office team are here to help!

Tammy, Suzy and Emma.

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

Also, of any information changes - telephone numbers, address.

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adminoffice@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk

EXPERIENCE FEE

DON'T FORGET if you haven't already done so, we ask each family to make an **annual voluntary fee of £10.00**. This helps us to provide extra experiences, such as music workshops, chicks/ducks being hatched, visiting farm, cooking activities, etc.



Please Remember...

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

Back to Basics



Looking after your family's wellbeing is important. Back to Basics provides some simple ideas to help.

This half term we are focussing on "Take Notice".

Be present, take notice of your surroundings, talk about what you see when out and about.

Notice the change in seasons and share this with your child. Ask them or talk to them about what is different from summer.

Try and remove distractions from around you, so you can focus on each other.

Enjoy each others company!

For more information, please look at the noticeboards and speak to Ginny.

If you can help with fundraising for the Centre, please let us know.

Top Tip for Talking



Try not to ask too many questions.

Talk to your child about what they are doing instead.

Lots of questions can feel like a test!



DID YOU KNOW...

We have a lending library, where you can borrow games and activities to play at home with your child.

It's in the main office.

Just pop in and take a look.



SAFEGUARDING

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 - **Becky, Tammy, Sarah or Jess.**

Dates for your diary

**NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED FROM
MONDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
FOR HALF TERM.**

**WE ARE CLOSED ON MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
FOR A STAFF TRAINING DAY.**

WE REOPEN ON TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER.



**The school
photographer
will be
visiting on
Friday 7th
November.**



Nursery will be closed:

3rd November 2025

5th January 2026

13th April 2026

19th June 2026

for staff training.

**We will be fundraising for
Children in Need
Friday 14th November.**



**Year R school place
applications open on
1st November.**

**For more information
visit**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions/applicationprocess/yearR>

Governors Corner

Anne Davies Chair of Governors.



Anne has been involved with Bushy Leaze since 1998 as a member of staff for 20 years and several years as a governor. Since retiring in 2020, she has moved from being staff governor to Chair.

In her spare time, she likes to go travelling in her narrow boat and motorhome. She enjoys craft activities, gardening and spending time with her family.

We still have vacancies for governors, so if you or someone else is interested, then please visit our website for more information, or contact Anne

chairofgovernors@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk

Family Support What's On



Weekly Groups

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10 – 11.30am You and your baby	9.30 – 11am You and your toddler	9.30 – 11am Bushy tales	9.30 – 11am You and your toddler
1-2.30pm Baby massage	1-2.30pm Young parents	1-2.30pm You and your baby	

OCTOBER HALF TERM STAY & PLAY

THURS 10-11.30AM
30TH OCT 1-2.30PM

Enjoy a session with our experienced team full of fun crafting activities, a wide range of toys and outdoor space for your child to play



These sessions must be booked in advance by Fri 17th Oct to confirm your space. Please use the QR code to book

**BABIES
TODDLERS
CHILDREN WITH SEND
AGED 0-5 ARE ALL
WELCOME**



Bushy Leaze Children & Families Centre
Eastbrooke Road, Alton, HANTS, GU34 2DR
www.bushyleaze.co.uk
Registered Charity Number: 1195659



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 2025
27th September
18th October
15th November

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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 2025
6th Sept
4th October
1st November
6th December

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