

Newsletter

September 2025



HEADS
NOTE

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



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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.



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**.



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.



Please Remember...

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

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



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



EXPERIENCE FEE

At Bushy Leaze, we enhance the children's learning by putting on special activities/experiences during the course of the year, whilst still having fun!

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.

The office team are here to help!

Tammy, Suzy and Emma.

Please let us know if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

Let us know if any information changes - telephone numbers, address.

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Back to Basics



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

As a parent/carer you can take small steps to help your child's wellbeing as well as your own. Back to Basics allows you to take control of the five ways of wellbeing:



Connect
Be Active
Keep Learning
Give
Take Notice



Ginny will put weekly tips and suggestions on the Back to Basic noticeboards on the path and in Reception. She will also post these weekly on Tapestry. If you have any questions, please speak to Ginny.

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

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.



We are registered with
'easyfundraising.

It is a great site where you can help raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping

Over 4,000 big name retailers are included, such as John Lewis, Uswitch, ASOS, Argos, M&S and BT. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation. Help us raise as much as we can by signing up at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofbushyleaze/>

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Dates for your diary

Nursery will be closed:

3rd November 2025

5th January 2026

13th April 2026

19th June 2026

for staff training.



We will be display
artwork at the Art
Exhibition.

11th - 18th October.



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

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



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



Watch out for
information about
how you can join in
with Walktober.

Governors Corner



We are pleased to welcome **Dr Julia Heath**
as a co-opted governor.

Julia is a mum of two children, aged 17 and 13, who both had lovely pre-school experiences and she really cherished this time. Julia works as a psychologist and has a keen interest in parental wellbeing and mental health. She feels that preschool plays an important role in helping families to be happy and healthy. Julia is aware of the special work Bushy Leaze does and is excited to join us as a governor.

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

chairofgovernors@bushyleaze.hants.sch.uk

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!



Family Support Team What's On

Monday
You and Your Baby 10 - 11.30am
Baby Massage 1 - 2.30pm

Tuesday
You and Your Toddler 9.30 - 11am
Young Parents 1 - 2.30pm

Wednesday
Bushy Tales 9.30 - 11am
You and Your Baby 1 - 2.30pm

Thursday
*** **NEW** ***
You and Your Toddler 9.30 - 11am

Saturday
Saturday Dads 9.30 - 11am
1st Saturday of the month

Little Squirrels 9.30 - 11am
3rd Saturday of the month





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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COMMUNITY CHILDREN IN NEED



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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COMMUNITY FUND

Please note

Little Squirrels SEND support group is on 27th September this month.