



News Update



Dear Families

Hello and Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to those new families who have joined us this term. We hope that your child will have a wonderful time learning with us, and that you will soon feel part of the Bowerdean Nursery Family. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask any member of staff.



Dinosaur Discovery

This term we are very excited to be learning about dinosaurs and the Earth long ago. We are enjoying the *Dinosaur Roar* series of books, created by the Natural History Museum, and we are discovering lots of wonderful words to describe the characters we are meeting. Don't forget that we share our planning every week on ClassDojo, along with our new vocabulary, so that everyone at home can share our learning too! We're hoping to create our own Jurassic World in our atrium next half-term and look forward to inviting everyone to explore our dinosaur world too. Keep a look out for more information.

Naming Clothing

Please can we ask that **ALL** items of clothing and bags are clearly named. It doesn't have to be with expensive name tapes, just a permanent laundry pen or sharpie will work.



School Fund



We know money continues to be tight for families at the moment, but we hope you don't mind us making a small request. **The School Fund** supports the purchase of additional resources to enhance children's play and learning. It also helps us to provide a healthy snack of fresh fruit or vegetables, crackers or breadsticks. **We kindly ask parents to contribute £15 each term, if they can**, to help us meet these additional costs (see return envelope attached). If you would prefer, we always welcome donations of tissues, baby oil, plain flour & salt (for making playdough), wet wipes etc. Thank you.

Outdoor Play and Clothing

Please could we ask that all children come to Nursery with appropriate clothing for the weather, as we play outside whatever the forecast. Although we try our best, we cannot guarantee that your child will keep their coat on outside, nor do we stop children from playing outside. If you feel your child is not well enough to go outside, then we would suggest they are not well enough to be at Nursery.



Also, please remember that playing outside in water, mud and sand does not cause childhood illnesses like coughs or colds. Most common childhood illnesses are caused by viral infections, which are spread through close contact.



TOP TIPS!

- Mittens (not gloves) are easier for children to put on themselves
- Attach them to a string/wool thread through their coats to stop them getting lost

Staff are unable to look easily for missing items until the end of the day so anything you can do to minimise lost property is most appreciated!

Food Allergies



Please do remember to keep us up to date with any food allergies or intolerances should they develop in your child. We would also ask that if your child stays all day at Nursery, you provide food which is as healthy and nutritious as possible. For some tips on how to pack a fun and healthy lunch box you'll find some great ideas on <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/school-packed-lunch-inspiration> or you can check out our Nursery website under the '[daily routine](#)' tab. **Please remember not to send any food containing nuts.**



Introducing 'The Parent's Portal'



Buckinghamshire Council have partnered with specialist local charity **Autism Early Support** to offer parents unlimited access to a **FREE online tool** which provides early help, guidance and access to an online support community. This self-guided learning tool is designed for parents of children aged 2-17 years who have autistic children or have noticed differences in their child and would like to find out more about autism or ADHD. [Register here to find out more](#)

Parent-School Contact

We are here to help if we can. Please don't hesitate to talk to us, if you need advice or have any questions about your child. We want to make sure that your child's time with us is one you will remember with happiness in the years ahead. **The best time to speak to staff is at the end of the session, once we have made sure all children have been safely handed over to their parents.**

With best wishes

Zoë Staines

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Headteacher

Diary Dates		
February 2026		
16-20	Mon-Fri	Half-term – Nursery Closed
March 2026		
2-6	Mon-Fri	Parent Consultations – booking invitations sent via email
27	Fri	End of term – 1145. All children to attend morning session
April 2026		
13	Mon	Summer Term starts