





World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, PolkaDots had a visit from a children's author—our very own Bernie!

Bernie read us her



new story, "Time to Play in Space" which has just been published!

World Book Day is all about getting children interested in stories and increasing literacy in a fun way, and the children loved listening to Bernie reading. We're all delighted to have our very own children's author on the PolkaDots Team.



You can find more info about Bernie's book <u>on her website.</u> We're all very proud of Bernie and are looking forward to her next book!

April 2023

Welcome back to PolkaDots! We hope all our families enjoyed the Easter Holidays and had plenty of rest after such an action-packed term! We had so many highlights, like Pancake Day kitchen creations, World Book Day Story Fun and lots of fun dressing up for Red Nose Day too! This term promises to be just as fun, with lots to look forward to—including our Teddy Bears Picnic and Graduation Day!!

Last term PolkaDots also had a visit from a photographer, and we hope all our families enjoyed seeing the lovely photos taken that day. We'll soon be sending a survey to all our families to see how you we can improve on this experience for next year—your feedback will really help us and is always appreciated!

This term we're holding an Open Afternoon on Monday 22nd May. If you know anyone looking for a nursery place in September 2023 or January 2024, tell them to give PolkaDots a visit and we'll be very happy to show them around our nursery.

While we're all looking forward to the summer term here at PolkaDots, we're already excited about our return to nursery in September! We have a last few places available for the coming months, so if you're interested in any extra sessions this term or in September, please speak to our team or send an email to Chris at polkadotsinformation@gmail.com

Best wishes,

The PolkaDots Team!

Red Nose Day

We had so much fun at the end of last term fundraising for Comic Relief. We sold out of Red Noses and got our fancy dress clothes on for a great big end of term party too!



Thank you to everyone who helped us raise £92.50 for such a good cause!



Our PolkaDots children got their hands nice and messy making and mixing batter for scrummy Pancake-Day pancakes!

Pancake Day!

PolkaDots Nursery @ Cresswood Hall

Staff Team

Head Teacher: Kath O'Shea

Manager: Bernadette Dawson

Deputy Manager & SENCO: Karen Waller

Nursery Practitioners: Fatma Barcag—*Third in charge* Sam Reeves Lucy Ronan

Administrator: Chris O'Shea

Nursery Opening Times:

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Monday	9am – 3pm
Tuesday	9am – 3pm
Wednesday	9am – 3pm
Thursday	9am – 3pm
Friday	9am –12pm

If you're **arriving late** in the morning or need to collect your child early then **please let a member of staff know** in advance. Thank you!

Nursery Mobile: 07528194109

Email: polkadotsathlone@gmail.com

Term Dates

Summer 2023 Children return | Wed 19 April

Half-term holidays Mon 29 May—Fri 2nd June

Children return | **Mon 5 June** Last day of term | **Fri 14 July**

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Welcome Anjuma!

PolkaDots wants to give a big warm welcome to our newest member of staff!

Anjuma joined us after the February half-term and we're very happy to welcome her to the PolkaDots Team!!



Summer Term Dates

This Summer Term we have not one but two bank holidays! PolkaDots will be closed on both **Monday 1st** and **Monday 8th May**. We'll also be holding an **Open Afternoon on Monday 22nd May**. If you know someone looking for a nursery place in September, tell them to come for a PolkaDots visit!

Firefighter Visit

Last term , a fire engine pulled up right outside the nursery and we had a visit from the Firefighters!! The children had the chance to wear firefighter helmets, look around the fire engine and ask questions to all the firefighters who were so kind to come and visit us!



Clothes, clothes, clothes!

With summer on its way, please send children to nursery in appropriate clothing—this includes hats and suncream! Can we please ask parents to label clothing and bottles, this really helps us avoid too many mix-ups! If you have any old clothing your child no longer uses, we'd love to have it! We're accepting clothing donations, especially trousers, socks, pants and knickers. Remember, if your child goes home in a change of clothes from nursery please remember to send in replacement clothing the next day.

Nursery Opening Times & Snack Time

PolkaDots Nursery opens at 9am each day and we close at 3pm every day except Friday, when we close at 12pm. **Please be on time** when dropping off in the mornings or afternoon. If you're running late, please send us a message on **07528194109**.

We'd also like to remind parents to send in a piece of fruit or a vegetable each day for snack time!

