



# POLKADOTS

PolkaDots Nursery@Athlone Hall

## NEWSLETTER



### Graduation Day

Graduation Day is nearly here!!

We're looking forward to next Thursday at PolkaDots when we'll invite all those children leaving for school at the end of term to take part in our Graduation Ceremony!



Our banners are here, and the gowns and mortar boards are made, all ready for Graduations to take place on Thursday 6th July at 1:30pm at the nursery.

We're inviting families to the graduation ceremony too, but we have space for only 2 adults for each child. So please choose which 2 adults you'd like to attend your child's graduation. We look forward to seeing you on the day!

### July 2023

The summer holidays are just around the corner at the end of another year at PolkaDots. But before the end of term, we want to thank all our parents, carers and families for your support again this year. It's our families that help make PolkaDots such an enjoyable place for staff and children to be, and it's your support that helps us create the caring, learning environment that lets all our children thrive.

This year we've had fun raising money for great causes, enjoyed lots of exciting trips out in the local area, and had the chance to celebrate PolkaDots' first author with Bernie, our PolkaDots Cresswood manager, paying a visit to read her book to us.

A quick reminder that if not paid already, all Extra Curriculum payments must be made by Friday 7th July. Thank you again to all our families for your support with the EC payments. They allow us to continue our Dance and Music classes as well as all our other extracurricular activities that the children love!

A quick mention too for the families of children leaving at the end of term—thank you for being with us and creating PolkaDots' special atmosphere. We know you'll all have a great time in September at your new schools, ready to make new friends and have lots of fun learning lots of new things.

But the term's not finished yet! We still have our annual celebrations to look forward to... Sports Day takes place on Wednesday 7th July, and there's graduation day too for those children leaving us to start school in September.

Wishing all our families a lovely summer holidays!

The PolkaDots Team!

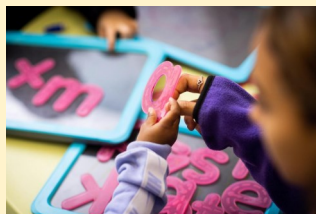


Last year, we had so much fun at PolkaDots Sports Day that we've decided to do it again this year!

Our PolkaDots children will be having lots of fun on Wednesday 7th July with this year's Sports Day, and so will our staff team too! Fingers crossed for dry weather.

### Summer topics...

- Transport Vehicles
- Colours, shapes, numbers



## PolkaDots Nursery @ Athlone Hall

### Staff Team

**Head Teacher:**

Kath O'Shea

**Manager:**

Shandrika Bushell

**Deputy Manager & SENCO:**

Alaya Rahman

**Nursery Practitioners:**

Kirsty Millett

Lisa Ronan

Rachel Butler

Savannah Thomas

**Administrator:**

Chris O'Shea

### Nursery Opening Times:

**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: 07985616644**

**Email: polkadotsathlone@gmail.com**

## Term Dates

*Last day of Summer Term*

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

### Autumn 2023

Staff training day | **Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sep**  
Open Afternoon | **Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Sep**  
Children return | **Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sep**

Half-term holiday | **23-27<sup>th</sup> Oct**

Last day of term | **Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Follow us on Facebook for all our latest news and resources!



## Maternity Leave

We have some very exciting staff news to announce. As some of you may already know, Kirsty will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting her new arrival!



## Tapestry

Tapestry is one of PolkaDots' ways of staying in touch with families. We upload photos of the activities, games and learning our children get up to at the nursery so parents and carers can see them at home.

Parents and carers can access Tapestry via the Web or download it to any phone or tablet as an app. When you log in, you'll see your updates with photos and observations of your child.

If you've had any problems with the app recently, make sure you have the latest version. This might mean deleting the app and installing it again. And if you can't find your log in details, send an email to Chris at polkadotsinformation@gmail.com or check with Shandrika.



## Instagram

PolkaDots is now on Instagram! We're sharing the fun activities that the children get up to at PolkaDots Nursery. We'll be sharing and reposting fun ideas for learning at home too that you can find at **polkadots\_nursery**. And if you find us, please like and share to help the nursery be found by other families!

## Autumn Term

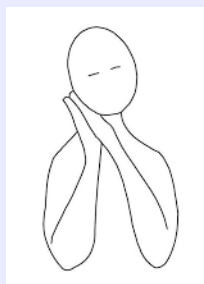
Even though September is a long way off, we have dates for your diary for the Autumn Term...

We'll be holding an **Open Morning on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September**, so if you know anyone with little ones thinking about starting nursery soon, let them know. After a staff training day on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, the **first day back for children will be Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

The October half-term holidays will be Monday 23– 27<sup>th</sup> October and the last day of Autumn Term 2023 will be Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## Makaton Signs...

### Nap



### Summer

