



POLKADOTS

PolkaDots Nursery@Cresswood Hall

NEWSLETTER



November 2023

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who helped make last month's MacMillan coffee morning such a success. Together we raised £75 for a charity that does such important work.

It was so lovely to have so many parents and carers join us at the nursery and be able to enjoy the garden on a lovely Autumn morning.



One highlight was the Great PolkaDots Nursery Bake Off. Our special guest judge Tom was left with the tough task of tasting so many delicious cakes, and having to choose a winner! Congratulations to Ellen on being crowned this year's winner, and also to Kristina and our very own Fatma for their tasty winning cakes too!

Welcome back to PolkaDots! We hope all our families enjoyed the half-term holidays. This half-term there's so many things to look forward to including celebrations for Bonfire Night, Children in Need, and Nursery Rhyme Week!

Last half-term, we were so glad to welcome all our new children to PolkaDots Nursery. And we've been especially pleased to welcome **Alaya** and **Rachel** to our staff team— it's been really lovely having them join us. Alaya is now joint Deputy Manager and SENCO Coordinator together with Karen.

You may have noticed, Cresswood Hall had a makeover this summer! The whole building has been painted inside and out, with a new floor in the hall and office areas. We're delighted with the changes and fingers crossed there's a little more to come too...

As the days grow shorter, we've been having fun singing and signing all things Autumn—falling leaves, big tall trees, and the colours red and gold! And with the Autumn weather, a quick reminder that children need the coats and jumpers, hats and scarves and even wellies to be able to enjoy playing outside.

This term's topic is looking at Cultures. If any parents or carers would like to lead a cooking activity, read a story to the children or introduce some music to us all then we'd love to invite you into PolkaDots! Please let our staff team know if you're interested in taking part. We also have news to share about our new Stay and Play scheme starting this half-term.

We're all looking forward to another great half-term together!

The PolkaDots Team!

Tapestry

Every week we use Tapestry to upload photos and comments of your child learning with us at PolkaDots Nursery. You can keep up with how your child is learning by downloading the Tapestry app or logging into the website.

New families will receive their Tapestry login details this week. If you've lost your login details or have problems accessing Tapestry, contact Chris on 07398000267 or send him an email on polkadotsinformation@gmail.com.



Last term's topic... Myself



This term's topic: Cultures of the world

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Staff Team

Head Teacher:
Kath O'Shea

Manager:
Bernadette Dawson

Deputy Managers & SENCO:
Alaya Rahman
Karen Waller

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

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: 07528194109

Email: nurserypolkadots@gmail.com

Term Dates

Autumn 2023

Christmas Show | **15th Dec**
Last day of term | **Wed 20th Dec**

Spring 2024

Staff training day | **Mon 8th Jan**
Open morning | **Tues 9th Jan**
Child return | **Wed 10th Jan**
Half-term holiday | **12-16th Feb**
Last day of term | **27th March**

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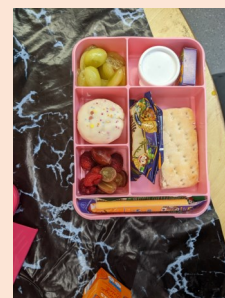


Stay and Play Sessions

We're always looking at ways to include our families at PolkaDots Nursery, which is why we're introducing a new Stay and Play scheme! We're inviting parents into the nursery once a week for the chance to stay for an hour and play with the children.

Every Wednesday morning between 9.15am-10.15am parents, carers, and grandparents will be able to sign up for a one-off visit to stay and play for an hour. It will be one parent or carer per week. If you're interested in taking part, please talk to a member of our staff team.

Packed Lunches We've been delighted to see so many healthy packed lunches at nursery. Please remember—do not send in chocolate or crisps (fruits are much tastier!) and for drinks please only water or milk in children's water bottles (fruit juice every day is unhealthy for children's teeth).



EC payments Thank you to all our families for your EC fee payments. These allow us to keep bringing in our excellent Dance and Spanish teachers every week for the classes the children love so much, as well as providing snacks every day.

Clothes and labelling Children need jumpers and wellies to be able to enjoy outdoor play in cooler weather. Please help us by labelling children's clothes (we have many, many little wellington boots at PolkaDots) and water bottles too!

Topic: Celebrating Cultures

Next term we are celebrating different cultures. If any parents or carers would like to help us celebrate a culture, we'd love to welcome you to PolkaDots for a visit. It could be sharing a story with our children, or leading on a cooking activity, or even teaching us a song. Get in touch with our staff team if you'd like to visit PolkaDots and celebrate with us.

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