Nursery Bulletin
Friday 13th November 2026

Theme for the week – It's Cool to Be Kind Week,

The children have had a lovely week talking, playing, exploring and learning new things about the world around us and the lives of others.

Our learning this week

In phonics this week we looked at pictures of things beginning with the 'a' sound, we played games to explore alliteration and games involving oral blending. We sang 'The Wheels on the Bus' and played games to explore sounds, syllables, rhyming and alliteration.

This week was 'It's Cool To Be Kind Week'. We read a variety of stories that helped us to talk about ways to be kind to each other; how kindness is a way to care for people's feelings; how kindness and forgiveness can help us heal and feel better about a situation; how our actions can affect others and by being peacemakers we can help solve problems, show kindness and make things right. This week's RE with Mrs Appleby linked to this theme. The children were introduced to Jesus as a special person because he did amazing and kind things for others.

On Sunday it was Diwali so on Monday we watched a video and read a story about how some people in the world celebrate Diwali. In their child-initiated learning time the children then enjoyed making playdough diva lamps, drawing rangoli patterns, drawing Mendhi patterns on a hand outline and decorating a huge flower using beads, pom poms and colourful cogs. Some children also enjoyed dancing to Diwali celebration music with the coloured scarves!

On Wednesday it was Remembrance Day. The children learnt about how the Armed Forces help us and how other people in our world help us. They also learnt about why poppies and other flowers are special on Remembrance Day. They then made their own Remembrance flower using a variety of materials.

Our maths activities involved singing rhymes such as 'When Goldilocks went to the house of the Bears' and 'Dr Knickerbocker' to practise saying number names in order to 3 and beyond. We also talked about what can be counted. I explained that sounds can be counted and the children counted different sounds, such as how many coins I dropped in a tin or how many times I banged a drum, again saying the number names in order as they counted.

In their child initiated learning, the children loved drawing Mendhi patterns on paper hands, making and colouring friendship bracelets, dancing on our 'Strictly Come Dancing' stage to music and playing offices.

Next Week

Some children have been interested in weddings, so next week this will be our theme and we will be reading 'The Scarecrow's Wedding'. For Show and Tell on Monday please could you put up a picture of when you got married (or another family member) for the children to share. Could you also write whether you/they got married in a church or somewhere different. We will be making scarecrows on Tuesday so if you have any newspapers, scrap paper or anything else that we could use for the stuffing please send this in on Monday. We will also begin learning the songs for our Nativity!

Reminders and requests

- Show and Tell is on Monday.
- Monday 16th November – Shared Reading 9.00 – 9.25am
- Application deadline for primary school places – Friday 15th January 2026
- Remember to look at the nursery webpage as well as Tapestry for photos of things we have been doing in class.
- If you have any 6 or 12 egg boxes please send these in.
- Please make sure you cut grapes, olives and other similar foods into halves or quarters before they go in your child's lunchbox.
- If you would like to come in and read a story to the class please let us know by putting a note in the link book. The children love to have visitors!

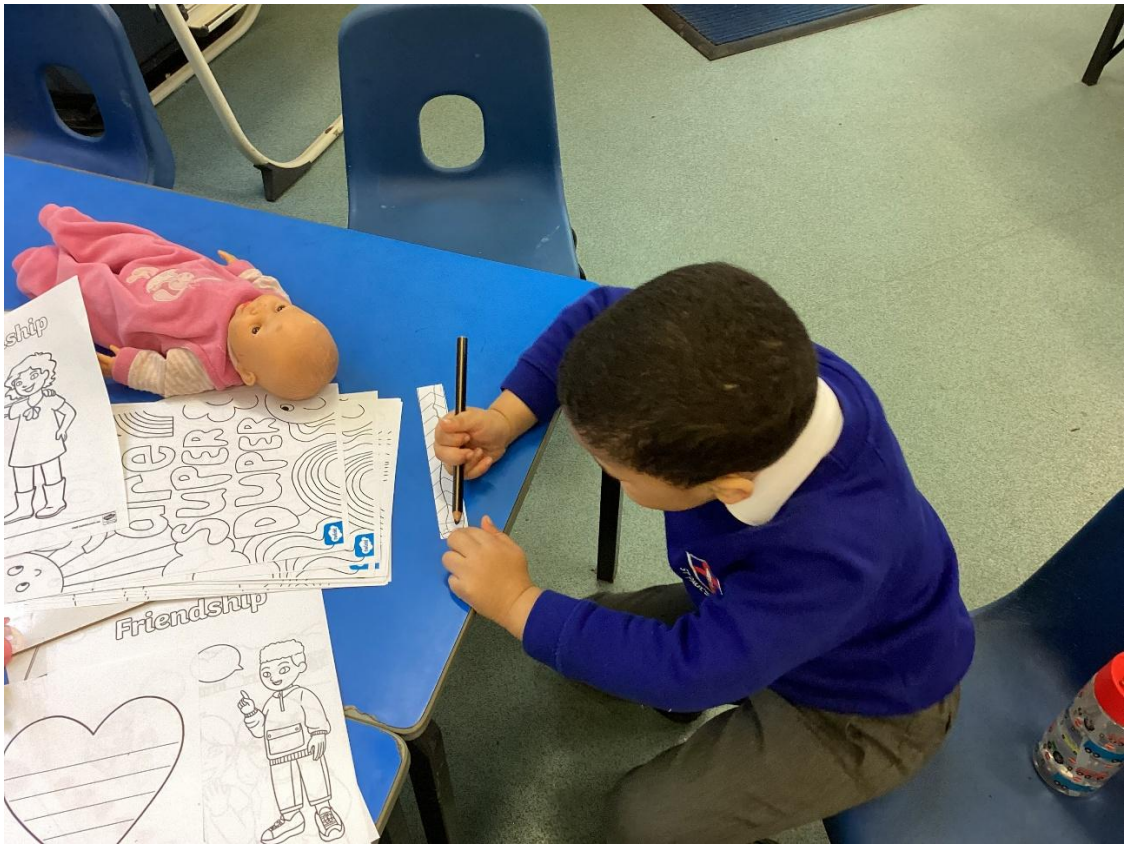
Home Learning ideas to support your child's early development:

- Reading – see the "Recommended Reads for Preschool and Nursery" book list.
- The 'NHS Best Start in Life' website has ideas for having everyday conversations, playing and reading with your child.
  Learning conversations: 3 to 5 years - Best Start in Life - NHS
- The BBC's Tiny Happy People and the National Literacy Trust's Family Zone
- NSPCC Online Safety for under 5s

Have a lovely weekend!

The Nursery Team


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Malleable Area
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Quality Street


Friendship



