

13 February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope that you are all well and staying as dry as possible! As you can see, the weather hasn't dampened our enthusiasm for playing outside. In fact, we have been having a lot of fun investigating the different ways the water has changed our environment recently. Many puddles have been investigated for splashability!



As you may already be aware, we are close to a flood plain and were lucky enough to explore in Forest School on Tuesday just before the ground underfoot became a little too boggy. It has made the mud kitchen particularly interesting with the mud being very enticing!

GRANDPONT FAMILY PARTNERSHIP

Our next Family Partnership coffee morning is Wednesday 18th March at 9.30am. Do come and join us for a nice warm cuppa, a biscuit and a chat. This time we will also have some of the foods from Nursery Kitchen available for you to taste.

We are really excited to be able to share with you our newly decorated rooms. Our coffee morning will be in the space that our children who are under two years old will be moving to in the next few weeks.

We will also be joined by Jacenta, our very experienced warm and friendly speech and language therapist who will be able to chat with you about babies and children's development in language including speech sounds, when to expect words and sentences and children who are learning more than one language.

Please do ask Louise, Dawn or Kulsum for more details. We would love to see you there.

New dates to follow soon...



We have been working together with friends new and old and creating teams. We have been learning to help each other out and that together we can make some interesting sounds...



It has been lovely to see the different fascinations that the children currently have and to see them playing, learning and working together in a variety of ways. So many different ways of exploring the world with all of our senses.



Investigating and exploring texture, temperature and the amount of goo! We have had lots of fun using our senses to learn about the world around us.



We have been delighted to welcome new members to the team in the past few months and to welcome Cayley back too! They have all said how warm and friendly our families have been as they settle in – thank you all very much!

NSPCC – TECHASAURUS

The NSPCC have a wonderful programme to support children with keeping their bodies safe. They have also recently developed a programme related to staying safe online. Please find details here - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/techosaurus/>

CHANGES ARE HAPPENING

As many of you will have noticed, we have been very busy decorating the rooms at the end of the building. We will be giving you lots more information about our plans over the next few weeks. The first stage will be to make the decorated rooms warm and inviting ready for our children who are under two to move into.

They are beautiful rooms with the most incredible picture window that looks out onto the garden and woodland area beyond. We will be having a 'Grand Opening' for these rooms with our Grandpont Family Partnership using them for our March coffee morning. Please do come along and join us for that.

PARENT MEETINGS

It's that time of year where we invite you in to have a chat about your child, their interests, development and how we can work together to nurture and support them to thrive.

After the half term break, your child's key person will be speaking to you to organise a time for your meeting. In the meantime, please do keep up-to-date with your child's day and week when you drop off and pick up your child.

BEST START IN LIFE STRATEGY

The Government have recently introduced the Best Start in Life campaign which aims to increase awareness of the role of the early years in a child's development, increase parental understanding of things they can do in their child's early years and how early education supports child development.

The website is useful for checking up-to-date funding information and for sharing ideas for families. Please see below for the link.

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half term for Swans – 16th February to 20th February

Grandpont Family Partnership Coffee Mornings – Wednesday 18th March, 9.30am

Please also see our curriculum plans for more details of what we are planning for this term. Please see our website for lots more information about our curriculum.

ADDITIONAL USEFUL INFORMATION

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTION ROUTINES

FRONT DOOR INTO THE BUILDING and FOYER - We are aware that it may feel a little uncomfortable but please can we kindly request that you do not let anyone else through as you go through the front door. This helps us to know who is in the building and to keep everyone safe, thank you.

BREAKFAST SESSION FOR SWANS

There are a few remaining spaces in our breakfast sessions for children in our Swans provision. Speak to Aga if you'd like to book a space. These sessions will begin at 8.30am and will include breakfast (please arrive before 8.45am to ensure you have plenty of time to eat breakfast. Sessions will need to be booked for a term at a time. We will be sending out more details to our Swans families next week.