

Spooky Halloween Day

On Thursday, October 31, 2024, Bright Star Day Nursery invites all children who attend on Thursdays to a Spooky Halloween Day! Children can wear their child-friendly costumes or change into them at the nursery. Both children and staff will be participating in fun Halloween activities, crafts, and celebrations.

Participation in Halloween activities is completely optional. Alternative educational and fun activities will also be provided for the children.

October festivals and celebrations

- **October** – Black History Month
- **3rd October** – National Poetry Day
- **4th October** – World Animal Day
- **16th October**– World Food Day
- **31st October**- Halloween

Upcoming events

October half-term holidays - from Monday 21st October – Friday 25th October 2024 the nursery will remain closed to children that attend term-time only.

INSET Day - 28th October 2024. The nursery will remain closed to everyone.

September birthdays

A very happy birthday to:

- Abeeha
- Ally
- Anton
- Arlis
- Noah
- Nola



How do we learn in the nursery ?

Bright Star Day Nursery implements theme-based learning. Each term, the nursery focuses on a specific theme or topic that connects different learning activities, learning goals, and children's interests.

The themes for the academic year 2024 – 2025 are as follows:

- Autumn 1: All About Me
- Autumn 2: Autumn Winter and Celebrations
- Spring 1: People Who Help Us
- Spring 2: Spring, Animals & Minibeasts
- Summer 1: Transport
- Summer 2: Space and Summer

The theme for this term

The theme for this term is **"All About Me"**. Children will be learning and participating in activities related to their families, their living environment, emotions, self-understanding and identity.

We align our weekly activities with the prime and specific areas covered by the Early Years Foundation Stage, such as communication and language, personal, social and emotional development, physical development, literacy, mathematics, understanding the world, and expressive arts and design in an age-appropriate way.

Nursery's SENCo

SENCo stands for special educational needs and/or disabilities coordinator. SENCos are members of the teaching staff who are responsible for children with special educational needs and/or disabilities within a nursery.

At Bright Stars Day Nursery, Miss Hana is the appointed person and she will be working with parents and carers to make sure that they receive the information, advice and support that they need in order to participate in the decision-making process.

The collaboration between SENCos, parents, and carers is crucial for children with SEND to reach their full educational potential.



Ms Hana
Nursery SENCo

Nursery uniform

You may have noticed some of our children wearing the Bright Star Day Nursery uniform.

If your child is 2.5-5 years old and does not have a uniform, please speak to a member of staff to request a uniform order form.



Parents reminders

- All creams to be applied require a completed medical authorization form and must be kept in their original containers with your child's full name on them. This MUST be dropped off at the nursery office and NOT in the child's room.
- All prescriptions must be in the original containers with the patient's name, dosage and prescribed time to be given. This MUST be dropped off at the nursery office and NOT in the child's room.
- Do not store any medication in your child's bag. All medication should be stored in the nursery's office only. This is to keep the children safe.
- Please ensure you close the gate behind you after you enter/exit the premises.
- No mobile phone/camera policy. Please put your phone away before you enter the nursery's premises.
- Please make sure your child doesn't wear any jewellery when attending nursery.
- Please call the office to inform us of any absences or late arrivals.
- Please call the office to inform us if your child will be on holiday.
- Please return the nursery's spare clothes as soon as possible.
- Parents are welcome to donate clothes to the nursery such as socks, trousers and T-shirts.
- We are unable to accept any donations of toys, resources or equipment. Please donate them to your local children's charity.

Please take note of the following information:

The Family Hub offers a course called "**Being a Parent (BAP)**".

The BAP course is a nine-week program designed for parents of children aged two to 11 years. It is based on evidence and led by parents who have completed the Parent Group Leaders Course. This course is provided by Empowering Parents Empowering Communities (EPEC).

During the course, Parent Group Leaders will use the EPEC manual to support parents in managing their child's feelings, communicating and interacting positively with their child, using positive behaviour management strategies, and managing parental stress to help children and families get the best start in life.

To sign up, please email EPEC@walthamforest.gov.uk and provide your name, phone number, email address, and the age of your child. Alternatively, you can call 07799913026.

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