

Nursery News – 15th October 2026



Malmesbury
Primary & Nursery School

Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Children have loved exploring *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*, enjoying different versions and acting out the story in lots of fun ways using different props. Making porridge together was a great way to start our learning. Have you got a copy of the story at home to share together?



Messy Play

At Nursery, we love getting stuck into messy play! From mixing mud to swirling finger paint, these squishy, splashy activities build brainpower, refine motor skills, and spark endless creativity. You might notice we don't make the children wear aprons. Aprons often end up messier than the uniforms and transfer more paint to clothing. We want the children to explore freely and build confidence without holding back. Stopping to put aprons on and off constantly disrupts your child's play. Little ones learn best when they can follow their curiosity without stopping - pausing a wonderful moment of discovery just to wrestle into an apron can break their focus and pop their bubble of excitement!

The incredible learning benefits are well worth the paint splatters. Please recognise that your child will come home dirty and please don't worry about sending them in pristine uniforms either. Messy uniforms mean happy, busy minds!



Stay and Play

We hosted our first Stay and Play sessions of the year recently and we loved showing you how your children spend their days! We hope you enjoyed yourselves and noticed developing confidence, social skills and independence. We hope even more people can make it for our Nursery Rhymes event in November.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 22nd October: Teddy Bears' Picnic

Friday 23rd October: School closed for INSET

26th-30th October: Half-term break

Monday 2nd November: School re-opens

Healthy Early Years Award

We are delighted to share that we are the only school in Merton to receive the Mayor of London's Healthy Early Years Award. This award recognises our work to help provide all children with a healthy start to life across themes such as oral health, physical health and early cognitive development.