

Newsletter Autumn Term

September – December 2025



What a busy start to the term we've had! It's been such a joy, and the children are thoroughly enjoying themselves! So far, we've begun our family books, made new friends, and even transformed our nursery into a space station. We're having a fantastic time as astronauts, discovering new planets in our space rockets!

As everyone settles in, we'd like to share some important dates for your diary. We know life can be busy, so we hope this helps support you. Please can we ask you make a note of the training days and half-term dates.

The photo proofs have been sent out—don't forget to place your orders before the deadline! We're sure you'll love the lovely photos we took, our children are certainly photogenic!. Also, we're excited to share the Christmas design proofs this week, which can make wonderful gifts and keepsakes. The artistic talent we have in the nursery truly shines! Additionally, please note that the flu vaccination will take place on 23rd October. We are proud to be the first nursery in our area to enrol in this NHS pharmacy scheme.

As always, if you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to email us, message us on the Family app, or talk to your key person or the office. Strong partnerships with parents are vital in creating the best environment and opportunities for our children!

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With warmest wishes

Paula Wilson, Childcare Manager and the Shadwell Childcare Team.

Key Dates:

7 th Oct – 14 th Oct	Sukkot
20 th Oct	Diwali
23 rd Oct	Flu vaccinations for children
24 th Oct	Last day of term
27th Oct – 31st Oct	October Holiday Club
3 rd Nov	Nursery re-opens
4th Nov	Nursery closes at 5pm for Staff training
14 th Nov	Children in Need
18 th Nov	EYFS Forum for Sunflower families 5pm – 7pm
19 th Nov	EYFS Forum for Bluebell families 5pm – 7pm
8 th Dec	Festive stay and play week for Sunflower Parents
Date TBC	Bluebell Christmas Concert for Bluebell Parents w/c 8 th Dec or w/c 15 th Dec
14 th Dec – 22 nd Dec	Hanukkah
19 th Dec	Last day of term
22nd Dec – 23rd Dec	Christmas Holiday Club
Christmas Eve	CLOSED
Christmas Day	CLOSED
Boxing Day	CLOSED
29th Dec – 30th Dec	Christmas Holiday Club
31 st Dec – 1 st Jan	CLOSED New Years Eve and New Years Day
2nd Jan	Christmas Holiday Club
5 th Jan	Nursery re-opens

Parent Partnership document

We hope you've all received the parent partnership document.

As you know, our nursery is always busy with activities, from cultural celebrations to informative events like parents' evenings and forums that explain how your children learn. The Parent Partnership document is designed to help you plan ahead, so please take a moment to review it.

It contains important details, including closure days, staff training, and events like the parents' play forum. We would absolutely love for parents to come into the nursery to share your special celebrations, or even read a story to the children.

They thoroughly love these moments and feel a sense of pride when they see their family members in the nursery setting with us. If you can find a convenient time to join us, please let us know! Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Staff updates

I am sure those families returning will agree what a wonderful team we have. They are passionate about what they do and the care they give each child is what makes the setting Outstanding. We are incredibly proud of our staff rendition which spans between 4 and 15 years plus!

Thank you to them all for their hard work and commitment to the children and families and for making our nursery so special.

New member of staff

We are delighted to introduce Lorraine into the team. Lorraine joined in June to work alongside Holly and Anna and in the office supporting your requests and taking your calls and emails whilst Holly is on maternity leave. We are very happy she has joined us, she's fitted in with the Shadwell Childcare Team immediately.

Baby news!!!

We have lots of exciting updates for you!



Welcome back to Ellie as she returns from maternity leave after the birth of Jesse James. It's great to have her calm, friendly nature back in the setting and we know the children love spending time with her as she engages in lots of conversational activities.

Congratulations to Lucy Butterfield who left us in July to have a beautiful baby daughter, Piper Mae. She is adorable and already changing so much and is super cute! We've had lots of fabulous cuddles.



Only this week Lucy Wiltshire was blessed with the very fast arrival of Amelia. Amelia is already loved by Mason, her big brother, and both Mum and Amelia are doing well. We can't wait to meet her and have cuddles.

We are all also excitedly awaiting news on the birth of Holly and Ed's baby, due any day. We can't wait to share the news with you when their baby joins the Shadwell Childcare family.



Building changes

This summer we have redesigned the Bluebell room and the new layout is proving to be a big success. We are thrilled with the new cosy corner where children can go for quieter time or just sit on the comfy chairs and snuggly rugs and relax.

We have also spent lots of time in the sunflower garden and are excited to update you on the new equipment and set up once it's all delivered.

Learning updates

Each week, you will receive an observation from your child's key person on the Learning section of the Famly app. This observation is personalised and highlights all the exciting learning and activities your child has been engaged in. It also outlines the areas of learning we are focusing on and how we support each child in developing their skills and understanding.

On Fridays, you will also get a 'room blog' that shares what the whole class has been exploring together and any significant topics we've covered. Additionally, it will give you a sneak peek of our plans for the upcoming week, such as any specific books or letters we'll be focusing on.

We encourage you to support this learning at home by bringing in items that relate to our current topics. For example, if we're exploring the letter 'S', you might bring a Spoon or a Salamander (just a toy, please!). You can also have conversations about the colour Scarlet or the numbers Six and Seven. Remember to focus on the sound of the letter, not its name!

A little extra support

At our inclusive setting, we welcome all children and families, ensuring that every child receives equal care and affection. We understand that some children may require a bit more support with their learning and development. Thankfully, we have an amazing team and strong support systems to create abundant opportunities for your child's growth.

Lucie Barron, our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo), plays a vital role in providing assistance and guidance to children, parents, and staff alike. She is trained to develop support plans, one-on-one cloud development plans, and to collaborate with external agencies for additional funding and resources that may benefit your child.

Additionally, we work closely with a private speech and language therapist. If we believe a child could benefit from an assessment, we will create a target plan that both nursery staff and parents can work on together.

Supporting children during their early years is crucial for their future development, and we are committed to laying strong foundations that will help them thrive long after they leave Shadwell Childcare.

If you feel your child may need extra support, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's key person or Paula directly.

Intimate care

Nappy changes and bathroom accidents are always logged on Famly. Please can we ask that you check your child's bag daily for any soiled or wet clothing, which will have been bagged for you, especially for our Sunflower children.