 

**February 2025 Newsletter**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

The staff at Shine would like to say a big thank you for all the kind Christmas wishes and gifts you shared, its much appreciated.

We have had a great start to 2025 with lots of fun and activities. The children have settled back into nursery well and have been busy celebrating the Chinese New Year – Year of the Snake. We have some new balance bikes, and the children have been outside practising their balancing skills.

Beth our Licensed Thrive Practitioner will be hosting some exciting, informative coffee mornings and workshops, more details to follow.

Please can we ask you to be prompt when dropping off/collecting your child and remain outside the building using the doorbell to alert staff. Many thanks for your cooperation.

**\*\* Please be reminded the last day of term is Friday 14th February 2025, returning Monday 24th February 2025 \*\***

**World Book Day**

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March, children are welcome to dress up as their favourite characters.

A cartoon of a cat in the hat

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**Key Person Catch-ups**

These will be held from 17th – 28th March. If you would like to meet with your child’s key person, please let a member of staff know so we can make an appointment.

**Phone Contacts**

Recently we have had some difficulties contacting parents in emergency situations. Please ensure we have up to date contact numbers that are available to take calls whilst your child is in Nursery.

**Staff Changes**

We would like to wish Ana a warm welcome to the team. Ana is working in the 3-4 year old room.

A person wearing glasses smiling

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**Home Learning**

Attached are some home learning activities. We would love you to share your activities on Tapestry or return them to nursery.

**Tapestry**

Thank you to all the families that engage with Tapestry. Tapestry allows us to share an overview and reflection of your child’s learning journey so that you as parents/carers are aware of where your child is with their learning and development. Please speak to a member of staff if you have any issues accessing Tapestry.

**Dummies and Bottles**

Thank you to all the parents who have supported our setting in reducing the use of bottles and dummies. This is especially important for those children starting school in September. If you need any support please speak to Laura, Joanne or Nicola.

**Spare Clothes**

Please can all children bring in spare clothes for water play and especially if they are toilet training. We have a limited spare supply. If your child does bring home clothing from Shine, please can it be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

**Important reminders**

* **Please provide a drink, nappies, wipes, and spare clothes for each session.**
* **Ensure everything brought into the setting is named, this will ensure a swift return.**
* **If your child is sick or will be absent, please call or email the office ASAP on 01493 661000 /** [**info@shine-gy.org.uk**](mailto:info@shine-gy.org.uk)**. This helps us to know that the children are safe.**
* **Please let a member of staff know if you cannot access your Tapestry account.**
* **We are strictly a NO NUT setting.**
* **Due to the impact of ratios of children to staff please ensure your child is collected on time.**
* **Don’t forget to follow us on Facebook – Shine The Nursery.**

**Dates for the diary 2025**

**Friday 14th February - Last day of term**

**Monday 24th February - Return to nursery**

**Wednesday 5th March - Coffee morning 9am-10am**

**Thurs 6th/Fri 7th March - World Book Day**

**Tuesday 1st April - Thrive Intro workshop 1pm-2pm**

**Friday 4th April - Last day of term**

**Wednesday 23rd April - Return to nursery**

**Wednesday 7th May - Coffee morning 9am-10am**

**Tuesday 20th May - Neurodiversity & Play Workshop 1pm-2pm**

**Friday 23rd May - Last day of term**

**Monday 2nd June - Return to nursery**

**Wednesday 18th June - Coffee morning 9am-10am**

**Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of term**

**(Coffee mornings & Workshops information to follow)**

**A child holding a chain

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**A child playing with vegetables in a bathtub

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**A child on a bike

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