

# TOWNSEND BARN NURSERY

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Newsletter



Welcome back to the Summer term!  
This term we welcome eight new children and their families to TBN.

Last term we had great fun learning about the importance of Easter when we visited St. Peter's Church, and of course had even more fun during our Easter Egg hunt in the garden. The Easter bunny was very popular!

World Book Day was a very successful day. We enjoyed seeing lots of costumes and many new books were shared together.

With your kind donations we raised £132 for Red Nose Day, thank you so much to everyone who took part.



## Nursery News.....

We have lots of staff news! Miss Mya has made the hard decision not to return to nursery at the end of her maternity leave. We wish her all the best for her next chapter. Miss Layla, who many of you may know, is returning to the TBN family in the Butterfly Room this week. We can't wait to welcome her back! Miss Nicole has joined us as a member of our bank staff and is already proving a big hit in all the rooms. Welcome Nicole and Layla!

We also have six members of staff who are currently completing training courses alongside their full-time jobs and statutory courses. Miss Isla, Miss Chloe, and Miss Megan are completing their Level 3 qualification in Early Years Childcare, Miss Tia, her Level 2, and Miss Abbie, her Level 4. Miss Leah is also completing her SENCO qualification. Well done to everyone, we are so proud of how dedicated you are to your careers at TBN and the commitment you have to help our children flourish.

The Summer term as usual is very busy. We have lots of summer activities planned for our children to enhance their learning, fingers crossed the weather will be on our side and the sun makes an appearance! In anticipation of this please remember to bring named sunhats. We ask that you apply suncream at home, and we supply and apply suncream at lunchtime. We will be celebrating a range of festivals and celebrations this term. World Bee Day, Healthy Eating Week and Father's Day to name a few. Over the next couple of weeks, the Barn Owls and Butterflies will be focusing on 'mindfulness' and continuing to learn about the changing seasons. We will also be holding a fundraising event for The Wiltshire Air Ambulance in May.

**School places – The 16<sup>th</sup> April is the date you find out if you are successful in your first choice of school! Please let us know as soon as you find out which school your child has been allocated. Miss Sarah will then be able to contact them and invite them into visit your child at nursery in their own comfortable environment, prior to any school visits.**

**If you haven't already, we encourage you set up a tax-free childcare account. Please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) as it will help enormously with your childcare invoices. This in turn will alert you if you are eligible for future funding.**

**April 2024 has seen the implementation of 15 hours of funded childcare for eligible families of two-year-olds during Wiltshire school term time only.**

**September 2024 will see the same option for children the school term after they are nine months old (babies born before 30.11.23)**

**When you are eligible you will receive a code which you need to give to the nursery so it can be validated.**

**September 2025 will see all eligible children be entitled to 30 hours of funded childcare.**

**Nursery Places – We find ourselves in a unique position. We have always had a waiting list, but the nursery is now full until August 2025. If you know anyone that requires a space for next year, please pass the message on to help secure them a space. Thank you in advance!**

**\*PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR MAY INVOICE WILL BE FOR 5 WEEKS\***

## **IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Start of Funding – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**
- **May Day Nursery Closed – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**
- **Parents Evening Barn Owls – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024**
- **End of Funding – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**
- **May Bank Holiday Nursery Closed – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024**
- **Start of Funding – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**
- **Wiltshire Air Ambulance Cake Sale – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 3pm-5pm**
- **Graduation Party – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024**
- **Sports Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**
- **End of Funding – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**
- **Start of Funding – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**



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