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Nell Gwynn Nursery School

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Monday 23rd March, 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

This has been a short but eventful half of term, where children have engaged in a wide variety of learning opportunities including World Book Day celebrations and a visit from Peckham Library, planting, growing and close observational drawings/paintings of plants and a variety of fun cooking sessions.

Children recently achieved a 'gold' from the London Children's Flower Society in recognition of their efforts in growing and caring for Spring time plants, while Hugh from Peckham Library has been very impressed with how children listen to the stories he reads and their general level of engagement.

The Wellcomm Language Screening has begun again and we will be sending out letters to parents/carers regarding the outcome.

A small group of children will be visiting Staffordshire Street tomorrow morning to explore emergent mark-making and drawing on a large scale, facilitated by an artist named Theo.

Our setting is also engaging with 'A Space to Flourish' project through Early Education which is a two-year project aimed at enriching creativity across our provision.

Safeguarding:

Please remember that to safeguard children and yourselves, mobile phones or devices should not be used in the vicinity of children. If you need to make an urgent call, then staff can direct you to a space away from children.

Please make use of the zebra crossing near to the nursery, as Meeting House Lane is very busy with traffic and crossing the road can be dangerous. Ensure your child is holding hands with you and

encourage them to stop, look and listen before crossing the road. Road safety is vital in ensuring that we keep all of our children safe. Thank you!

Children's belongings:

Please remember to label your child's clothing as children may have similar jackets or other attire. Staff can then see clearly who items belong to.

A gentle reminder not to leave food in children's bags. Children have access to breakfast foods in the morning and healthy snacks in the afternoon, in addition to lunch. Thank you!

Water bottles:

It is not necessary to bring a water bottle into nursery for your child unless there is a specific reason to do so. Throughout the day, children have access to drinking water. Staff provide children with cups of water to ensure they're hydrated during free-flow play as well as during the lunch-time period.

Dates for Diaries:

Friday 27th March: Break-up for the Easter holidays
Easter holidays: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April
Monday 13th April: Return to school where normal timings apply

During the Easter holidays the electrical works will continue with a view to being concluded. You may have noticed new lighting throughout the building (which is more energy efficient) and we're in the process of having new emergency lighting installed and an upgraded fire alarm system. Thank you for your patience with these ongoing and necessary improvements.

Wednesday 22nd April: Parent/Carer Conference Day – Closed to children for the day
Staff will book in time slots for parents/carers to discuss their children's learning and development across the course of the day. Please note that the normal nursery provision will cease to allow the conference to take place.

Monday 4th May: Bank Holiday Monday – Nursery is closed
May Half-Term: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May
Monday 1st June: Return to school where normal timings apply

Thursday 16th July: Last day of the summer term for all children
Friday 17th July: New children's Stay and Play session

Thanks for your continued support in all school endeavours. Enjoy the Easter Holiday break!

Kind regards,

Pippa Baker
Head of School and SENCo