

May 2021 OPENING HOURS: 7.45am to 5.30pm.

Staying COVID-secure

We comply with the government's guidance on managing the risk of COVID-19

- ✓ We have carried out a COVID-19 risk assessment and shared the results with the people who work here
- ✓ We have cleaning, handwashing and hygiene procedures in line with guidance
- ✓ We have taken all reasonable steps to help people work safely from a COVID-19 Secure workplace or work from home
- ✓ We have taken all reasonable steps to maintain a 2m distance in the workplace. Where people cannot keep 2m apart we have ensured at least a 1m distance and taken all the mitigating actions possible to manage transmission risk
- ✓ We have taken all reasonable steps to provide adequate ventilation in enclosed spaces

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION



**Nerys Evans
DSL**

Safeguarding is **EVERYONE'S** responsibility.

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, (Nerys or Julie) in confidence.

There is further Safeguarding information on our [website](#) and paper copies are available on request.



**Julie Alsop
Deputy DSL**

St. George's Day celebrations!

We had a lovely time learning about St George's Day last month. We made a collaborative collage of the English flag, and created our own designs using illustrations of knights, dragons, shields and castles. We took part in Cookery Club, using red and white icing to decorate biscuits, and we enjoyed a celebration tea together.



Learning about traditions helps to develop each child's cultural capital. 'Cultural Capital' is the essential knowledge that children need to be educated citizens.

Personal development is embedded in our practice, supporting children to learn skills and realise talents, develop character and resilience, and learn about British Values and diversity. Children access the experiences and skills necessary to equip them for life, which contributes to positive mental health and well-being.

Dates for your Diary

- Monday 3rd May 2021- Bank Holiday (Nursery closed)
- Monday 31st May 2021 - Bank Holiday (Nursery closed)
- w/b 31st May 2021- Half Term (no funded only sessions)

What are we learning at Blue Bell Woods?

We have been taking part in various water play activities. Water play gives many opportunities to develop a range of skills...

Children practise fine motor skills and develop hand-eye coordination. through actions like pouring, squirting, stirring and squeezing.

They developing vocabulary, as staff model new words such as drizzle, depth, damp.

Children learn to work with one or several children, learning to take turns and share the space and resources with their friends. This develops social skills like cooperation and sharing.



Mathematical development is promoted, as children are introduced to terms such as full, empty, half and less. Children measure, count, compare volumes and observe motion.

Concepts like floating or sinking will teach children, in a very practical way, how and why things happen. It encourages them to use their imagination and think critically, which plays an important role in problem-solving.

Water is an amazing sensory experience, introducing children to textures and temperatures. It can be both invigorating or relaxing and calming for young children.

Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage

Listening and attention > 8-20 months: Has a strong exploratory impulse.

Understanding > 22-36 months: Developing understanding of simple concepts.

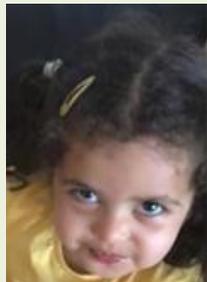
Speaking > 22-36 months: Learns new words very rapidly and is able to use them in communicating.

Moving and handling > 22-36 months: Shows control in holding and using jugs to pour.

The world > 30-50 months: Talks about why things happen and how things work.



Happy birthday to children celebrating in May!



Elliott (2)

Evan (2)

Avani (3)

Jayden (3)

Polly (3)

Evelyn (4)