

Safeguarding Information

At Blue Bell Woods, we believe the safety and well-being of each child is paramount.

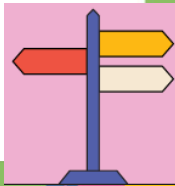
We provide a safe and secure environment where children can thrive. We have an open culture in which safeguarding is **everyone's** responsibility.

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)

If you have any concerns regarding the safety or welfare of any child, please talk to a **DSL**, in confidence.

The Department for Education has revised [Working Together to Safeguard Children](#). This is statutory guidance that shapes our policies and procedures. These can be viewed [HERE](#).

An illustrated version of 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' can be viewed [HERE](#)



Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs)



**Taylor-Lee
Sketchley
Lead DSL**



**Rachel
Porter
Deputy DSL**



**Samantha
Monino
Deputy DSL**

Our DSLs receive robust safeguarding training and provide support to staff members to carry out their safeguarding duties.

Dates for your diary

Upcoming Bank Holidays (NURSERY CLOSED):

- Monday 4th May 2026- Early May bank holiday
- Monday 25th May 2026- Spring bank holiday

w/b 25th May 2026- Half Term

No sessions for **term-time only** children.

You may request additional sessions during half term, subject to availability. These are charged at our standard rate. Sessions continue for children who attend all year round.

Term dates and closure days can be viewed on our [website](#).

Support for families

TOGETHERNESS

Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world

Warwickshire families have free access to Togetherness online learning pathways to support wellbeing.

Use the code BEAR.

Click [here](#) for more information.



Families can text a Health Visitor for advice on **07520 615293**.

Click [here](#) to find out more.

Happy Birthday to children celebrating in May!



Archie



Carlotto



Maisie



William

Our Curriculum- British Values

As part of our curriculum, we learn to value and respect the cultures and traditions of the families in our community, and beyond...

Democracy
The rule of law
Individual liberty
Mutual respect and tolerance

Easter, marking Jesus' resurrection



Early Years
Foundation Stage:
Understanding the
World

Make connections between the features of their own and other families.

Baisakhi, marking the Sikh New Year

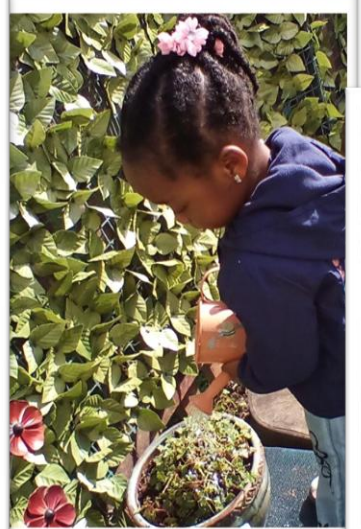
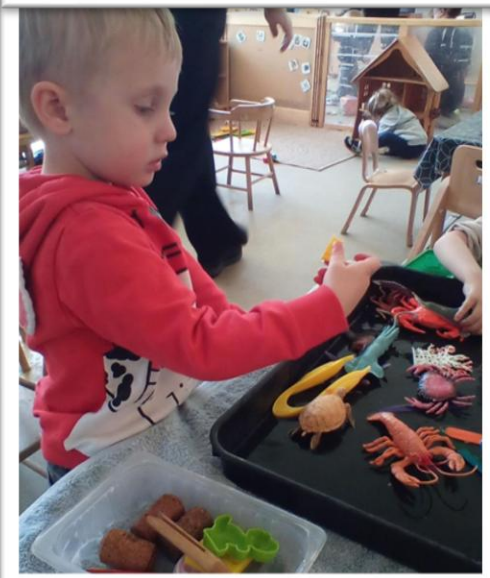


St. George's Day,
celebrating
England's patron
saint



Our Curriculum- Understanding the World

Earth Day! Our curriculum includes day to day opportunities for children to explore nature, recycle, and talk about looking after our environment. Children learn to be kind, curious and environmentally aware, caring for our world.



Our Curriculum- Understanding the World



We have been caring for giant African land snails, learning about keeping them warm, what to feed them, and being gentle.

EYFS: Understanding the World

Begin to understand the need to respect and care for the natural environment and all living things.

Cultural Capital: 'The essential knowledge that children need to be educated citizens.'

Our curriculum builds on children's early experiences, offering new opportunities for curiosity, exploration, and discovery.



We chose materials to make our own interpretations of snails!



Our Digital Media and Online Safety Charter

Digital Media & Online Safeguarding Charter

We are committed to keeping children safe when using digital media, and we want to make sure that if we use digital media, it is always for the benefit of children's development. We support the following principles:

- ✓ Digital media is avoided unless there is a clear link to supporting learning.
- ✓ Technology use does not replace or interfere with adult or child interactions.
- ✓ Staff support children when using digital media to promote and scaffold learning.
- ✓ Children under the age of 2 years do not use digital media.
- ✓ We have a robust online safeguarding policy.
- ✓ Technical systems are in place to keep children safe online.
- ✓ All staff access regular safeguarding training which includes online safeguarding.
- ✓ Our Staff Code of Conduct creates clear boundaries for staff's use of technology.
- ✓ We share information with families to keep children safe online when at home.

Screen Time Guidance for Under 5s



The Best Start for Life have created guidance to support families in shaping healthy screen time habits for little brains, which can be found [here](#).

How much screen time should my child have?

Limit total screen time for young children, wherever possible.

- **Under 2 years:** Avoid screen time other than for shared activities with family that encourage bonding, interaction and conversation.
- **2-5 years:** Try to keep it to 1 hour a day. Less if possible.



Tips for Online Safety at Home



Ofcom's 2025 research shows that 17% of 3–5-year-olds own a smartphone and 85% go online. Keep children safe online at home...

- ✓ **Supervise Use:** Keep devices in communal areas where adults can supervise. Avoid unsupervised access in private spaces.
- ✓ **Parental Controls:** Use parental control settings on home Wi-Fi, devices, and accounts to limit access to inappropriate content.



GOV.UK Campaign

Kids Online Safety

Learn how to make a device safe using parental controls [here](#).

- ✓ **Explore Together:** Engage in exploring apps and websites with your child to understand their online activities and ensure they are safe.
- ✓ **Talk About Online Safety:** Start and continue conversations about online experiences, introducing safety messages and reinforcing the importance of showing/ telling a trusted adult about anything that worries them.
- ✓ **Use Child-Friendly Apps:** Choose apps and websites designed for children under five, such as YouTube Kids, to provide a safe and enjoyable online environment.
- ✓ **Establish Healthy Habits:** Encourage purposeful screen time, prioritise play and conversation, and keep screens short and shared.



Ages 0-4

A menu of fun, affordable ideas for play and learning with your 0-4 year old. Get daily inspiration from these simple and engaging activities that preschoolers love!

Download the Before You're Five mobile app using the following links:



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50 Things to Do Before You're Five



Natural Art

Creating artwork using materials found in nature, like leaves, sticks, stones, shells, or water provides an opportunity for your child's creativity to flourish at no cost.

Explore, forage and find fantastic treasures and transform them into wonderful creations... mud monsters, twig towers or natural decorations.

Learning together in the EYFS:

Understanding the World

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