

## School Term Dates

**Autumn Term: 1st September – 20th December**

Half term closure - 20th – 31st October

**Spring Term: 5th January – 27th March**

Half term closure 16th – 20th Feb

Spring Break closure -28th March – 22 April (21st April bank holiday Monday closed)

**Summer Term: 22th April – 24th July**

Half term closure - 26th – 30th May

Summer closure 20th July

# The

# Buzz newsletter



## Welcome to Busy Bee Preschool

We are buzzing with excitement to welcome both new and returning families to Busy Bee Preschool! We hope you all had a fantastic summer and are ready for an exciting new term.

We are thrilled to see all the smiling faces ready to start a new adventure in learning. Our dedicated team of practitioners, known as the Busy Bee Team, is committed to creating a nurturing and stimulating environment for your children.

## Our curriculum

Busy bee preschool aims to provide children with experiences and opportunities to help them progress and achieve. We will do this by creating a varied and rich curriculum that offers a diverse, engaging environment and supports children to achieve their full potential and achieve future success

The curriculum is what we want the children to learn. Each room has its own curriculum aims and is based on the 7 areas of learning from the Early Years Foundation stage

### Prime areas

- Personal social and emotional Development
- Communication and language
- Physical development

### Specific areas

- Literacy
- Maths
- Understanding the world
- Expressive art and design

## Our teaching approach

At Busy Bee Preschool, we are proud to integrate STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) into our teaching. By incorporating these subjects into our daily activities, we foster curiosity, problem-solving skills, and a love for learning. Look out for fun and interactive projects like building bridges, exploring the wonders of nature, and hands-on experiments.



**Contact us :**

**Office: 07947117438**

Email: [admin@busy-bee-preschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@busy-bee-preschool.co.uk)

Website: <https://www.busybee-preschool.co.uk/>

## Groups and the staff

### Honey Bees 2s

Supervisor - Joann

Team - Kelly, Kelly, Edith, Georgia & Daisy

### Bumble Bees 2s & 3s

Supervisor - Anita & Lianne

Team - Suky, Anita

### Learner Bees 3s & 4s

Supervisor - Michelle

Team - Serena, Eva, Kim, Sam Maddison

Pupil premium support -Vikki / Suky

### Manager

Tina

### Deputy Manager

Laura

### Special Needs Coordinator

Debbie

Ofsted reg: 2633742

Ofsted Complaints Number:0300 123 4666

## Our Themes for This half Term

This autumn, we have a host of wonderful themes lined up

### "All About Us"

For the first part of this half term while the children settle into their new classes with new teachers, we will be learning all about us, our families and home. It is a great time to talk about what we like and don't like.

Children will explore their unique identities and the importance of family and community. You may like to send in a picture of your family for us to display. This will give the children a topic of conversation as well as a source of comfort in the first few weeks.



As the term progresses, we will dive into fascinating topics such as "Seasons of Change," focusing on autumn, and "Celebrating Cultures" to appreciate the diverse world we live in.

### Autumn

Autumn is a great time of year to learn about changes and explore different aspects of the natural world.



This season will also celebrate:

### Harvest Time

The Harvest Festival occurs on the Sunday nearest to the appearance of the harvest moon, which is usually at the end of September or the beginning of November. The traditional start of the autumn season, the Harvest Festival in 2024 is due to take place on the 6th October.

During this theme the children will be learning lots of new skills: counting and sorting food items, using physical skills to chop and cut up fruit and vegetables. Plant seasonal vegetables in the garden and watch them grow. We will explore the colours of different foods, sample foods from different cultures. Harvest Festival is usually a time to share locally grown produce with those in need so we will encourage children to bring some food items from home to share among the local community

### Stories we will read

Colour me happy

10 little fingers 10 little toes

Goldilocks and the 3 bears

The enormous turnip

Pumpkin soup

Leaf man

### Rhymes

Happy and you know it

When goldilocks went to the house of the bears

### Boogie mites songs

(how we teach curriculum through music)

One man band

Chicken rice and peas

[One Man Band in School Ready Programme](https://www.soundcloud.com/OneManBandinSchool)  
([soundcloud.com](https://www.soundcloud.com/OneManBandinSchool))

## Snack time

Meal times are an important part of the busy bee routine. Children learn important skills:

- Hygiene (through handwashing)
- Self help and independence
- Making healthy choices (what they would like to eat or drink)
- Physical skills as they prepare their food, use utensils and pour their own drinks
- Manners saying please and thank you as well as learning to sit nicely while eating
- Learn about different cultures through sampling food

### Donation of snack items

Busy bees are always grateful for the generous donations of snack items. We will be encouraging this more now than we ever have. You can help us ensure children are getting their daily portions of fruit and vegetables by donating these items weekly in the donation Station basket which will be under the shelter in the garden at drop off time. Please only donate fruit or other healthy snacks. Unfortunately, we will not be accepting chocolate cake or biscuits.

## Toilet training

Many of you have begun potty training recently and have been asking for advice on the best way to do this at home. The biggest challenge is learning Bowel control and often what puts parents off potty training or going back to using a nappy. However, all is not lost!!!

There is lots of information and tips on the ERIC website

<https://www.eric.org.uk>

For children going to school next year, it is important that they have mastered the art of using the toilet independently. We will support parents with toilet training at preschool however, you must be confident that your child is using the toilet and understanding their toileting urges at home first

## Coats and outdoor footwear

We play outside every day in all weathers. As the weather will begin to change, we will see some wet and cold days ahead. Please ensure your child brings a warm waterproof coat and wellie boots (if it is raining). You might like to send in some warm comfortable slippers for indoor play.

We often find that children who arrive in cars or buggies have no outdoor clothing and cannot enjoy the outside fun so easily.

### Everything must be named!!!!

We have a lot of children and as you can imagine trying to make sure they all go home with the correct belongings is a huge task at the end of the session! Children also get muddled when clothing are the same colour or design as theirs. We ask that you name **all** of their clothing, coats, bags, lunchboxes, bottles etc. This way we can try to make sure the right things go home. Also please make sure your child leaves with the correct items. If they do accidentally take something home that isn't theirs please return it back to their class to be reunited with the right child.

### Absence

If your child is poorly or not able to attend please send a message on Blossom, text, call the office 07947117438, or email

[admin@busy-bee-preschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@busy-bee-preschool.co.uk)

If your child is absent for a period of more than 2 weeks your funding may be impacted therefore it is important a reason is given. We will be chasing up any periods of absence with a phone call if we haven't heard from you

thank you



Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or need further Information, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details above. We are looking forward to a fantastic year filled with learning, fun, and lots of buzzing activities!

Best Wishes,

**The Busy Bee Team**