



# May 2026



Tiddly Winks Nursery



## Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

Welcome to our May newsletter!

We are thrilled to share with you the many learning opportunities that were accessible throughout April for your little ones.

Please read on to find out more.

*All the best,  
Louise, Steph & Charlotte*

### Acorns

Acorns have been delving into garden fun as they explore the outside environment. The little ones' have been intrigued by the colourful tunnel where they have enjoyed crawling through and reaching the other side! Water play with a range of natural materials and resources has also been a huge hit, especially to cool down in the warmer weather!

### Little Oaks

Little Oaks have been dancing the days away to a variety of genres this month, as they experiment with their bodies, learning how to move them in different ways! The children have also been learning about the different animals that live in the sea, through a range of inviting and enabling sea and beach activity set ups.

### Junipers

Junipers have adored junk modelling in honour of Earth day! All whilst engaging in conversations around how we can protect our planet and the benefits of recycling. Utilising these recycled materials allowed for the children to be creative and make their own masterpieces!

### Pre-School

Pre-School have been planting sunflower seeds to take home! This was a lovely opportunity to talk about the cycle of flowers and plants and the importance of watering them and appropriate environments.

### Pre-School Graduation

Pre-School Graduation is being held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July from 2:30pm - 4:30pm. Food and entertainment will be provided. Please RSVP to the office in person or by email!

## Dates for the diary:

**4th & 25<sup>th</sup> May -**  
Bank holiday - Nursery closed

**4th May -**  
International Firefighter Day

**17<sup>th</sup> May -**  
World Baking Day

**20<sup>th</sup> May -**  
World Bee Day

## Policy of the month:

Our policy folder is available in the front entrance for all parents and visitors to look through.

This month we will be refreshing ourselves with the **'Attendance'** policy.

## Makaton sign of the month:



Fire

## Events and Celebrations in May

Firefighter Day will spark curiosity about different jobs and the important roles people play in keeping us safe! A range of sensory experiences and conversations will foster the children's imaginations and develop their understanding.

World Baking Day will provide opportunities for a hands-on way for learning about measuring, counting, following instructions, being patient and teamwork!

## Parent messages:

Following on from our explanation in April's Newsletter regarding how Ofsted have changed the way in which they inspect and report, please see this two minute video for additional information:

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## Staff Updates

Please join us in welcoming Jess H, a level 2 Early Years Educator, to our Tiddly Winks team. Jess brings over four years nursery experience and is a mum herself to a three-year old!

## Dish of the month Creamy broccoli pasta



### Ingredients:

- 150g/5½oz rigatoni or penne pasta
- 3 spring onions
- 1 garlic clove
- 125g/4½oz cherry tomatoes
- 150g/5½oz broccoli
- 1 tbsp vegetable oil
- pinch chilli flakes, or to taste
- 75g/2¾oz cream cheese (can use dairy free alternative)
- salt and pepper

### Method:

1. Bring a large pan of salted water to the boil, add the pasta and cook for 12 minutes.
2. Meanwhile slice the spring onions, peel and finely grate the garlic, halve the tomatoes and thinly slice the broccoli florets and stalks.
3. Heat the oil in a large, deep frying pan. Add the spring onions and fry for 1 minute until soft. Add the garlic and chilli flakes and fry for 1 minute. Add the tomatoes, fry for a couple of minutes until they start to break down then add the broccoli. Fry for 2 minutes then add a ladle or small mug of the pasta water, give everything a stir and cover with a lid. Cook for 3-4 minutes until the broccoli is done, then remove the lid.
4. Drain the pasta, add to the pan with the broccoli and stir to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Stir through the cream cheese and finish with plenty more black pepper.