

## School News

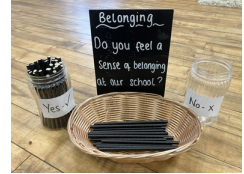
This week we have enjoyed our trip to the local church! On Wednesday we all went to St Matthews to visit Father Frampton. We started off by exploring the church and talking to Father Frampton about what we could see. He then explained to us why Christians celebrate Easter and how this is celebrated at the church. Thank you to all the parents who joined us on the trip, it would not have been possible without you.



## Message from Federation Headteachers

A big thanks to all of you who took the time to feedback on whether you, as a family, feel a sense of belonging. We valued your honest responses and appreciate the feedback. Whilst most was overwhelmingly positive we have received ideas of how to improve and are making adjustments in light of some of your valuable insights.

Do have a wonderful Easter weekend!



## Curriculum - Why we do what we do - Outings

### What we do at school:

We love getting out and about here at the Nursery! Outings into the local community offer numerous benefits for children. They engage in real-life situations and this enhances their understanding of the world around them. Outings provide opportunities for children to interact with various people in their community, fostering social skills, and developing communication. Exposure to the wider community often offers a view on different cultures, traditions, and customs within their community helping children to develop respect for diversity. For all of our children, leaving the school premises offers the chance of fresh air enhancing overall physical health. For those a bit older, leaving the school grounds can involve a long, physical walk promoting gross motor skills development. By exploring their local community, children develop a sense of belonging and connection to their surroundings, fostering emotional well-being. Our carefully planned outings into the local community enrich our children's experiences by providing diverse learning opportunities, and promoting a sense of connection to their surroundings.



### What you can do at home:

- Can you volunteer to join us on our next group walk into the community?
- Take regular walks around your local area, either using a pushchair or with your child walking (where appropriate) pointing out key landmarks!

## Sign of the Week

At the Nursery we teach all children to sign. This supports communication and ensures the communication of all children is valued.

This week's sign is: 'listen'

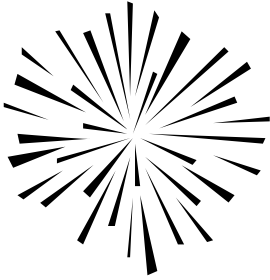


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Ask any staff member to show you if you are unsure.

# Information / Reminders

## CELEBRATIONS - HOLI, EID AL-FITRE AND EASTER!



Enjoy the holiday break. Please email photos of any exciting activities or experiences that your family have over the weekend or the coming weeks to:

[admin@oeyc.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oeyc.herts.sch.uk)

### HOME LEARNING PACKS

If you have any home learning packs at home, please return these as soon as possible so that they can be checked over the Easter break.

### TOTE BAGS

You should have been given your child's tote bag. Please ensure it is well stocked with named trousers, tops, underwear and socks. Even if your child is now confident using the toilet, they may need changing after getting wet or very messy during play. Please ensure this is returned on your child's return to nursery and is in nursery every day.

### EASTER BREAK CHALLENGE

Please find attached an Easter break challenge chart you may wish to complete with your child. We would love to know how you get on, please let us know in your next catch-up call which challenges you completed.

### HOME LEARNING PACKS

It has been wonderful to see so many families borrowing the Story Bags and Busy Fingers Packs from the lending library outside main reception. Keygroups in turn are allocated a 5 day loaning period.

#### Wednesday 17th April:

- Busy Fingers Pack- Woodpecker
- Story Bag - Dormouse
- Maths Pack- Hedgehog

### DATES COMING UP

- Thursday 28th March: Last day of Spring term
- Friday 29th March-Monday 15th April- Spring holidays (school closed)
- Tuesday 16th April - School Open

