

Nursery Closure Dates 2021

Easter

- Nursery will be closed from 6pm 1st April 2021 and re open 12th April 2021 at 8:00 am.

Bank Holidays

- Monday 3rd May
- Monday 31st May
- Monday 30th August

Staff Training Days

- Wednesday 9th June
- Tuesday 28th September
- Friday 19th November

Christmas 2021

- Nursery closes Wednesday 22nd December 2021 at 6:00pm and reopens on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 8:00am

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March 2021

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Dear Parents

We have been very busy this term and are still managing to have lots of fun despite the continuing COVID restrictions. We have celebrated Chinese New Year with the children and they all got stuck in to activities such as creating their own Chinese dragon (also known as Loong) and we have been learning all about the weather as we constructed and used our own anemometers (wind gauges) in the garden. In addition, the children learnt about the importance of looking after the oceans and how littering can affect the sea life. Celebrating Purim was one of children's favourite activities as we all dressed up and created our own masks and Aardvarks joined in with a virtual library session from Barnet libraries all about space. We hope you enjoyed watching your children acting out one of their favourite stories for World Book Day and managed to pick up your free book with your token.

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Staff

We are pleased to tell you that Gemma Catlin will be taking over as Room Leader in Meerkats. Gemma has been with us for 6 years, working her way up from a non-qualified assistant to a fully qualified nursery nurse and now a well deserved promotion to Room Leader.

We are still recruiting for Nursery Nurses and Apprentice's and will keep you informed of any new staff as they join.

COVID Safety

As you may be aware East Finchley has been a surge testing area. Many of you will live in the affected area and will have received tests. Please remember that if you or anyone in your household tests positive then your child will not be able to attend nursery until the self isolation period is over. Please also let us know if this is the case.

It is a timely reminder that as the restrictions start to ease over the coming months we still need to do all we can to keep each other safe. Please can we therefore remind parents to adhere to their allocated drop off and collection times to minimise queuing and to also wear their masks when collecting or dropping off. We would also ask that children that are walking are encouraged to make their own way to their key workers at the door to minimise close contact between adults and maintain a 2m distance at all times. We thank you for your continued cooperation.

Staff will be continuing to wear face masks for drop off and collection and in addition the nursery is hoping to receive lateral flow tests from the DfE to allow staff to carry out home testing from 22nd March.

School places

If your child is due to start in Reception in September you should have already applied for a place however if you have not yet done so you can still apply at [Starting Reception September 2021 | Barnet Council](#)

Daynurseries.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who has written a review for us on daynurseries.co.uk. At the moment when we are unable to show prospective parents around the nursery it continues to be especially important that they hear from you about your experiences at the nursery. If you

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haven't yet provided a review and would like to then you can do this by following the link www.daynursery.co.uk/submitreview, requesting a review card from us or scanning the QR code on the entry doors.

N2 Mums Speak

Local Mums Katy (Felicity's mum) and Emmy have recently set up a project called 'N2 Mums Speak'. It will be a space for local Mums in East Finchley to get together (outside!) for a series of talks given by and for local mums. We thought it would be a great way for people to connect and make friends given the Covid climate! We will be holding the talks at Barnwood Community Forest Garden on Tarling Road. Children are welcome! For younger kids the garden is the perfect space for a Teddy Bears Picnic so please feel free to bring a picnic blanket and Teddy for your little one to keep them entertained while you are chatting with everyone. The project is funded through a community grant from Grange Big Local. As part of the funding, we have some money available to cover childcare costs for Mums who may need a bit of child-free time to have the space to prepare some ideas for their talk.

Our events are free to attend but registration is essential as we have limited places due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Please email us on N2MumsSpeak@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us so that we can send you info on how to book your place!

More information is also available on our instagram page:

<https://www.instagram.com/n2mumsspeak/>

Market Place Playground

As you may be aware there has been some concern about Market Place Playground's future. A Friends group has been formed to protect and help upgrade the playground.

Friends of Market Place Playground is a new group formed to promote, protect and improve Market Place Playground, with support from Grange Big Local. They have presented a petition to the Finchley Residents Meeting demonstrating the depth of local support for Market Place Playground as an open space which benefits the physical and mental well-being of our growing community. If you would like to support the work of Friends of Market Place Playground please email friendsofmarketplace@gmail.com

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Being Together, My Baby and Me

The Early Years Alliance would like to welcome new parents onto a **FREE** virtual post-natal support programme called Being Together, My Baby and Me. This online programme combines advice on baby's learning and development with post-natal support for new parents. Delivered over 5 sessions, the programme focuses on topics such as brain development, sensory play, and positive mental health and keeping your baby safe.

[Being Together My Baby And Me - free online sessions for new parents | early years alliance \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](#)

Let's Learn Together at Home

Join the EY Alliance for an activity-packed **FREE** programme offering loads of ideas on how to keep your little one happy, motivated and learning. The five-week programmes are going to take place throughout March and April 2021 with courses starting each week.

The course offers a personal approach to family learning and will help you better understand how children like to learn. You'll have the chance to learn in small groups and meet and connect with other families online.

[Let's Learn Together @Home | early years alliance \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](#)

Parent Connect sessions

EY Alliance also have a series of one off **FREE** Parent Connect sessions which are specifically designed for parents to teach them about key areas of children's development

Topics include:

- speech and language development
- process over product
- outdoor fun
- toilet training
- emotional wellbeing
- behaviour
- importance of play
- building babies brains

Find out more and book now at the Family Corner website.

[Need support? Join our free online courses for parents of newborns or under 2s | Family Corner](#)

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Family Learning and parent workshops

Residents of Barnet, Merton, Newham and Wandsworth who are parents or carers of children aged 0 - 5 are invited to join the Wandle EarlyYears Hub for a series of fully funded workshops, run by early years experts to support children's wellbeing.

- Musician and storyteller Steve Grocott will be delivering an hour of singing, dancing and stories for parents and children.
- Nurture specialist and author Sonia Mainstone-Cotton will be offering practical tips and activity ideas for parents to try at home.
- Inclusion specialist Julie Revels will explore how parents can make every moment matter in the first years of a child's life.

Find out more [here](#), download the flyer, and book on to the sessions taking place in the week beginning 29th March.

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