

Nursery Closure Dates 2021

Bank Holidays

- 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

Easter 2022

- Nursery will be closed from 6pm 8th April 2021 and re open 19th April 2021 at 8:00 am.

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May 2021

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Dear Parents

We hope you all enjoyed a restful Easter Break and are looking forward to a sunny Bank Holiday weekend. The children all enjoyed lots of Spring and Easter activities and were excited to see how all of their plants and flowers had grown on their return. We are continuing to carry out themed weeks for the children to enjoy lots of topics, learn new skills and compare adventures with other classes.

- Meerkats have really enjoyed learning new songs and reading lots of stories, We have been focusing on If You Want To Be An Owl and making our own props! The story Brown Bear, Brown Bear is still a huge favourite and helps the children learn colours and animals. They have also enjoyed making paintings and decorations for our story time display.

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- Koalas and Wombats went around the World in just 5 days! Travel restrictions could not hinder the children's curiosity or desire to explore. The children used recyclables to create fashionable outfits and strut their stuff on our Milan runway, practiced their hula skills on our makeshift Hawaiian beach and even completed in an English welly wanging competition. They were able to build on their physical skills, show off their creativity and imagination and learn more about the world and different cultures.
- Themed weeks have been super fun for all Aardvarks children. Their favourite was taking part in Eid Week during which we learnt more about the festival and the significant meaning of the sighting of the new moon. That triggered the children's curiosity and drove them to pose many questions about the shape of the moon and its different phases. We got stuck in creating our own representation of the moon using junk modelling and adding various textures with fabrics, egg cartons and other resources.

Staff Training

A quick reminder that the nursery will be **closed on Wednesday 9th June** for staff training. Staff will be learning about the changes to the EYFS curriculum coming in on 1 Sept 21 and looking at how we will be adapting our policies and procedures to meet the new requirements. We will keep you informed you of these changes before they come into place in September.

Staff

We are pleased to welcome Nneka to Meerkats team. Nneka is doing her Level 3 Childcare apprenticeship with us and has previous experience in Health and Social care.

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

Sadly Jo will be leaving Scribbles in June. Jo has been with us for 14years as Koalas Lunch Cover. She has decided to leave to concentrate on her family.

My First Poem

The children in Koalas, Wombats and Aardvarks loved composing their very first poem. They were all excited to discuss about topics such as their favourite food and their best friends whilst working on their literacy and creativity skills. It was a fun way to challenge everyone abilities and the end result rewarded them. We are happy to share that all of our children's work has been published and we couldn't have been more proud.

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COVID Safety

As we start to come out of the COVID restrictions we will be following the government guidance as always and will keep you updated as to when things will change for you regarding being able to come in to the setting etc.

In the interim can we please 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 staff can now test twice weekly at home with lateral flow tests.

Can we please remind all parents that if children have any COVID symptoms they need to be booked in for a PCR test and all members of the family MUST isolate and not attend the nursery until a negative result has been confirmed.

School Places and School Nursery Drop Offs

If your child is due to start school in September you should now be in receipt of your place. Please can you let Voula know which school your child will be attending so we can prepare them for the transition. Can we also take this opportunity to remind you that the nursery requires 2 full calendar month's notice of your intention to leave so the last date for a 31 August departure will be 30 June.

During COVID we have been unable to offer wraparound services with Martins and Holy Trinity nurseries due to the government guidance for children to attend as few settings as possible. We are pleased to confirm that with the continuing easing of restrictions we are planning to reinstate this service for Aardvarks children from 1 Sept 21. Please note this will of course be subject to current government guidance at that time.

Please can you email us as soon as possible if you are intending to share care with a local school nursery. If you are in receipt of 15 hrs free entitlement this will be used up by the school nursery however if you are entitled to 30 hrs you will be able to use your remaining 15 hrs at Scribbles. In all shared care options you are able to attend Scribbles when the schools are closed for holidays, INSET days etc. If you would like to discuss your options then we will be happy to meet with you.

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Thank you to everyone who has written a review for us on daynurseries.co.uk. At the moment while we are still 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 haven't yet provided a review and would like to then you can do this by following the link www.daynurseries.co.uk/submitreview, requesting a review card from us or scanning the QR code on the entry doors.

N2 Mums Speak

The first couple of events went well. We hope all that attended enjoyed the session. Our next event is Saturday 12th June with spaces available! To be held at Barnwood Community Forest Garden, N2 (on Tarling road). If you'd like to book please contact N2MumsSpeak@gmail.com or call 0203 857 9492 ext 0237

Tapestry Feedback

As restrictions are starting to ease, the nursery is getting busier and staff are spending more time at the door giving feedback to parents we have decided to review how we give feedback on Tapestry. We will now give a group feedback on Tapestry which will contain information about what the children have been up to each day and the menu details. Individual feedback will be done on handover regarding sleeping, eating, toileting and anything specific to your child that happened that day. If there is anything detailed to feedback we will of course always phone you during the day. We are keen to get feedback from parents on this new system to see if you feel it meets your needs or if you have any suggestions on how we could improve this for you. Our aim is to continue to give you information about your child's day but reduce the amount of time staff are having to spend on tablets to provide this so they can spend more time interacting with your child. Please send any comments/suggestions to enquiries@scribblesnursery.co.uk.

Home Learning

We have added some links to home learning on our website and will be adding to this over the coming months. If you are looking for ideas of what you can do with your children at home then please take a look.

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The EY Alliance is offering a number of exciting programmes aimed at supporting parents and families with children aged 0-5. Each programme is FREE to join and sessions will take place online. More information can be found at;

[Free online learning for the whole family - book your session now | early years alliance \(eyalliance.org.uk\)](https://eyalliance.org.uk)

Let's get ready for school

A three-week virtual Zoom programme from the Ey Alliance for children due to start school in September 2021. Each session will last 30 minutes and there will be one session per week:

- Week 1 - independence
- Week 2 - fingers and tools
- Week 3 - my first day at school

Dates and times

Programme 1
13th - 27th of July
4.00pm - 5.00pm

Programme 2 -
19th August - 2nd of
September
9.30am - 10.30am

Let's learn together at home

A six-week virtual family learning course in supporting children's learning and development in the home environment

- Week 1 - an Introduction to supporting home learning
- Week 2 - making music with the kitchen band
- Week 3 - creating awe and wonder through science
- Week 4 - promoting emotional wellbeing
- Week 5 - no garden gardening
- Week 6 - physical fun

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Programme 1
7th June - 12th of
July
1.00pm - 2.00pm

Programme 2 -
9th June - 14th of
July
10.00am - 11.00am

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