



Castlefield School

Early Years Newsletter



Summer 2 2025

Welcome back – we hope you have had a lovely break. We have a very busy half term ahead of us with Reception visiting **Bucks Goat Centre** and Nursery children receiving a visit from a farmer and some of their animals from **Ark Farm**. Thank you to everyone who made prompt payment. Please make sure you give permission and make payment on Parent Pay, as cancelling these events due to lack of funds is incredibly disappointing for everyone involved.

We look forward to seeing lots of parents and family members at the upcoming sports day. Nursery parents, be sure to wear comfortable shoes as you will be getting involved in the activities!



Dates for your Diary

~~Thursday 19th June Nursery visit from Ark Farm~~ Cancelled due to lack of contributions

Monday 23rd June Nursery Family Sports Day 10:15am and 1:45pm

Tuesday 24th June Reception and RAP Sports Day 9:30am

Wednesday 25th June Meeting for new Reception parents

Thursday 3rd July Reception trip to Bucks Goat Centre

Monday 7th July Nursery Family Sports Day RESERVE

Tuesday 8th July Reception and RAP Sports Day 9:30am RESERVE

When dropping off and collecting your child, please put your mobile phones/ ear buds away so you are present for your child and available to talk to staff.

The Early Years Team

Nursery



We thoroughly enjoyed meeting the hens and the chicks for our 'Feathers and Fur' topic. Watching the transition from egg to chick was fascinating and we learned how to gently handle such small creatures.



We learned about some farm animals and made bread after reading Little Red Hen. We were very much looking forward to meeting some of the animals from our books during the visit from Ark Farm. This has had to be cancelled due to lack of funds requested from parents.



Parents are reminded they are expected to contribute to the cost of enrichment activities aligned with the planned curriculum. Your support is greatly appreciated, as lack of funds leads to cancellation and disappointment.

Reception



This past term, we had a fantastic time exploring the wonderful world of "Feathers and Fur"! We learned all about amazing animals, discovering which ones have soft fur and which are covered in beautiful feathers. We also learned that many animals, like birds, snakes, and even some insects and fish, all start their lives in an egg. A real highlight was our "Hatching Ducklings" experience – the children were absolutely captivated watching the tiny ducklings peck their way out of their shells! This hands-on experience brought our learning to life, helping us understand the animal life cycle in a truly unforgettable way and adding so much value to our understanding of the natural world.



Resourced Alternative Provision



Last half term the children had lots of fun watching the eggs hatch and playing with the ducklings. Some of the children conquered their fears and held them in their hands. This half term the children will be learning about 'in the woods'. They are excited to visit The Bucks Goat Centre and meet the friendly goats. The children have been working on their communication skills and learning lots of new Makaton signs that link to their story books.

