

# Sunbeams Newsletter 8



FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 26

## Latest News

**Welcome Back to Sunbeams Nursery!** We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for the New Year. We are thrilled to welcome all of our children back! We would like to extend a special welcome to our newest Sunbeams children who have made such a fantastic start so far! We also welcome a new member to our team: Miss Chennell. Miss Chennell is a Level Three qualified Early Years Practitioner and we are delighted to have her on board.

**Our New Topic:** Dinosaurs to the Ice Age. Over the next few weeks, we will be diving into a prehistoric theme, investigating everything from dinosaurs to the Ice Age through: songs and dances, Stories and games, toys and experiments. Don't forget to regularly check your Tapestry Memos to stay up-to-date with our activities. You should receive a welcome back observation.



**Big School Birdwatch:** Sunbeams will be taking part in the Big School Birdwatch over the next two weeks. In preparation for this exciting event, we will be engaging in hands-on activities, including: Making our own bird feeders and learning about the different types of birds we might spot.

**School Applications:** School applications for children starting Reception class in September 2026 must be completed by Thursday 15th January 2026. Please complete at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) website if you haven't done so already.



## How You Can Join In

You can take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch (23-25 January 2026). Simply spend one hour counting the birds in your garden or local park.

Register for your free guide here:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch> please share what you find on Tapestry

## Important Dates

23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Jan Big Bird Watch

Fri 13th Feb - INSET Day - School closed

Half Term - Mon 16th to Fri 20th February

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's day

Easter holidays - Mon 30th March to Fri 10th April

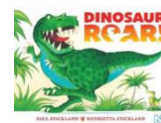
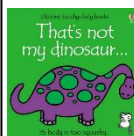
## Fortnightly Phonics

G & O

What phoneme (sound) do these make? Can you hear these phonemes in someone's name you know?

## MATHS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Subitizing & Counting



## Books and Rhymes

That's not my Dinosaur by Usborne

Dinosaur Roar! Paul & Henrietta Stickland

Two little dickie birds

Dinosaur Stomp (Miss Patty youtube)

## Messages

**Water Bottles:** Please check your child has their name on their water bottle, we have lots of bottles that are either the same or similar and it is very hard for us and the children to tell them apart and we don't want them to get lost.

**Important Head Lice Notice:** We have been notified of a case of head lice in Sunbeams. To help prevent further spread, we kindly ask that all children with long hair have it tied back for nursery. We will do our best to remind the children to keep their hair ties in throughout the day. Please check your child's hair this evening. For advice on treatment, you can visit the NHS Head Lice and Nits guide.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

## Where to find information.

Please use our website to find out key dates, including term times and INSET days

<https://www.stepgateschool.co.uk>

Who to contact:

To report absence, late pick up or collection information or other urgent information.) [office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk)

To contact the teacher for non urgent information:

Miss Dyos (Nursery Teacher & Nursery SENDco)

[missdyos@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:missdyos@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk)