



Sunbeams Newsletter 3



FORTNIGHT COMMENCING 12TH OCTOBER 26

Latest News

The children have absolutely loved exploring vegetables this week through hands-on activities on our tuff tray. They have been busy using different vegetables to make paint prints, drawing them, and talking about how eating veggies keeps our bodies healthy and strong. Next week, we will be continuing this healthy eating theme by putting our chef hats on and making our very own vegetable soup.

Over the next week, our key workers will be carrying out the official Two-Year Progress Checks for all children under the age of three. If you are a parent of an under-three year old child in Sunbeams, you should receive an email about this shortly and will be invited into the nursery for a dedicated progress meeting with your child's key worker, at a convenient time for you.

Finally, the University of East Anglia School of Psychology research project is taking place at the nursery on Tuesday 13th October. Separate letters and consent forms have been sent out via teachers to the families of children who attend on Tuesdays. Heather will be at the main gate on the morning of the project to collect these forms, and she will also have spare copies available if you would like to sign and give consent on the day.



How You Can Join In

Over the half term please can you join in with our seasonal learning at home. We are asking parents to take the children out on a lovely autumnal walk over the holiday to look at the changing season. If you could collect any colourful autumn leaves or conkers during your walk and bring them into nursery afterward, we would love to use them to decorate our autumn interest table.

Important Dates

Tuesday 13th October - UEA psychology student in to carry out research

Half Term holidays

Mon 19th October to Fri 30th October 2026

Tuesday 10th Nov - Parent Keyworker Consultations

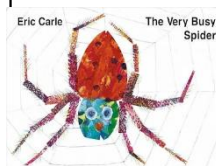
Monday 9th Nov - Book Fair

Fri 20th Nov - Children in Need

Christmas holidays

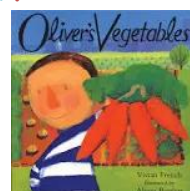
Rhymes

Hey Diddle Diddle
Incy Wincy Spider.



MATHS

Explore repeats
Books



Oliver's Vegetables

by Alison Bartlett Vivian French

Meg & Mog

Hen Nicoll & Jan Pienkowski

Messages

Starting school: Applications for Surrey primary schools are open now and the deadline to apply is 15th January 2027. Please remember that children attending Sunbeams Nursery do not automatically get a place at Stepgates School. We strongly encourage you to look at all your local schools so you can make the best choice for your child. School open days have already started, so please check individual school websites for their dates.

Parent Keyworker consultations: Our autumn Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 10th November, giving you the opportunity to book a ten-minute chat with your child's key worker. Please note that these appointments are only for parents of children aged three and over, as our younger children will already have their progress discussed during their upcoming two-year review meetings. More information on how to book your slot will be sent out at a later date.



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:

Office (to report absence, late pick up or other urgent information) office@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

The teacher for non urgent information:

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