



OAKWOOD

FEBRUARY
2018

The White House Nursery - Quality Childcare For Over 30 Years!

Join us this Mothers Day!

If you would like to attend any of our Mother's Day events, please ask one of the staff in your room for an invitation. Then complete the RSVP and hand it back - we'd love to see you there!



Babies

Monday 5th March
10.00am - 11.00am

Stay & Play

Toddlers

Friday 9th March
9.30am - 10.30am

Stay & Play

Preschool

Thursday 8th March
9.30am - 11.00am

Stay & Play

Welcome



Louise
Nursery Manager

Hi everyone and welcome to the new and improved White House Nursery Oakwood newsletter!

In this newsletter you will find lots of information regarding all aspects of nursery life, from the every day reminders and updates right through to exciting changes and big announcements.

Be sure to look out for any important dates for your diary, that way you'll always be in the loop!

Staff Changes

We have said goodbye to Kelly D, Megan and Sophie A and we wish them well for the future.

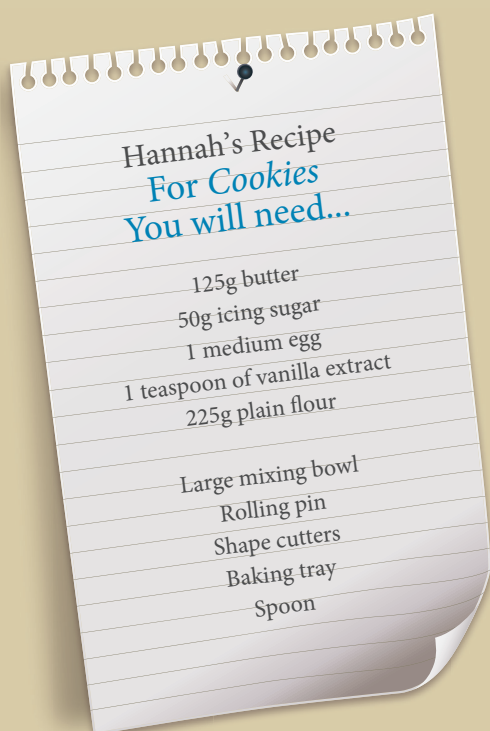
Amber is the newest addition to our team and will be starting her Level 3 Childcare Apprenticeship with us.



We Value Your Feedback!

What made you choose the White House Nursery to care for your child? How would you describe the nursery in three words? What aspects about our staff do you value the most?

We are looking for willing parents to take part in our video testimonials, which will be shared on our website and social media channels! So if you would like to share your 'White House Experience' with us, please email marketing@whitehousenurseries.com so that we can arrange a time and date that is suitable.



- 01 Grease or line 2 baking trays. Place the butter into a large bowl and mix until smooth, then sieve the icing sugar in and mix again.
- 02 Add the egg and vanilla extract and beat well.
- 03 Add the flour to the mix and stir until it starts to form a dough. Then use your hands to mix and squeeze it into a ball. Heat the oven to 180°C or 350 °F or gas mark 4.
- 04 Roll out the dough onto a floured surface until just thinner than an adult's little finger. Cut out different shapes using your favourite cutters then place onto a baking tray.
- 05 Bake in the oven for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown on top. Then leave to cool on a wire rack before eating...

Enjoy!



Work For Us

The White House nursery are always looking professional and qualified childcare staff to join our vibrant teams within our baby, toddler and preschool units across our 5 settings.

For more information go to
www.thewhitehousenursery.co.uk/recruitment

Promote A Parent

Laura Steer - Neal's Yard Remedies

Laura Steer, a parent at our Alfreton nursery is an independent consultant for Neal's Yard Remedies Organic (NYR Organic), a brilliant company offering natural and organic health and beauty products.

Neal's Yard Remedies are an ethical British company founded in 1981 and provide health and beauty products made with maximum organic, natural and wild ingredients to help you look and feel good inside and out. All products are free from harmful chemicals and never tested on animals.

Their range includes something for everyone with award-winning products in:

Skincare - a range of facial products for every skin type

Bath and Body care - Bath Oils, Shower Gels, Moisturisers, Hand and Foot Care, Haircare

Mother and Baby - including products for pre and post birth, as well as for your little one

Aromatherapy - essential oils, diffusers, home fragrance

Wellbeing - supplements, herbal teas and sleep solutions

For Him - shaving products, moisturiser, fragrance, supplements

There are also a great range of gifts available (look out for seasonal gifts!) including gift cards.

Visit Laura's Facebook page for the latest offers and more on award-winning products - [@laurasteer.nyro](https://www.facebook.com/laurasteer.nyro)

If you would like to feature in 'Promote A Parent' please email marketing@whitehousenurseries.com



As an independent representative, Laura can also offer advice on the products, as well as home visits to test and experiment with the products. This could even be done as part of a coffee morning or casual evening workshop.



Dates For Your Diary

Easter Holidays -

All term time only and 2,3 and 4 year old funded children break up on Friday 23rd March for 2 weeks, and return on Monday 9th April 2018.

May Holidays -

All term time only and 2, 3 and 4 year old funded children break up on Friday 25th March for 1 week and return on Monday 4th June 2018.

If you will be needing childcare during the school holidays, our Kids Club offers a variety of sessions to meet your needs, and they have lots of exciting activities planned to keep everyone busy! For more information you can visit the website www.thewhitehousenursery.co.uk/holiday-club or call 01332 820 404.

Ofsted Inspection

We are pleased to be able to share a copy of our Ofsted report following the inspection that took place in December. The report highlights lots of good practice that happens every day at school. We are very pleased that the hard work and efforts of our children, staff, parents and community were recognised. It is particularly pleasing to read in the report that -

- We maintained our 'Good' status
- The nursery is safe, secure and well equipped for children
- The quality of the teaching is good
- Parent partnerships are excellent
- Children are happy, settled and content and have lots of fun with their friends
- The management team have a clear vision for the continued success of the nursery, reviewing the way they work and identifying clear areas for on going development
- The two next steps for the nursery are already being addressed through our focused improvement plan, a copy of this will be available for you to view in the next newsletter



Say Cheese!...



We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year!

To find more photos from around the nursery please go to our website on
www.thewhitehousenursery.co.uk/gallery

Children can swallow, inhale, or choke on other items such as small toys, peanuts and marbles

- Choose toys appropriate to the age of the child
- Ensure that small objects are kept out of reach of children under three
- Looped cords on blinds and curtains should be avoided especially in children's bedrooms. Keep them tied up high and out of reach
- Small foods such as grapes, cherry tomatoes, blackberries and other soft fruits should be cut into quarters to prevent choking
- Keep button cell batteries out of reach of children, they can cause severe injuries if swallowed
- Don't forget plastic bags can also be very dangerous to small children.

For more home safety information visit www.rosa.com/resources/hubs/



accidents don't have to happen



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Babies can suffocate on nappy sacks



Keeping your baby safe

Help and advice for parents and carers of young children

Nappy sacks can kill

at least 16 babies in the UK have already died

Making some simple changes can make a big difference to your children's safety. Help us to prevent any more babies from needlessly dying.

To avoid danger of suffocation and choking:

✓ Do:

Always keep nappy sacks and other plastic bags and wrapping away from babies and young children.

✗ Don't:

Place nappy sacks in a baby's cot, pram or buggy.

Why do nappy sacks pose a suffocation hazard to babies?

- Young babies naturally grasp anything and put it in their mouths, but they find it more difficult to let go.
- Nappy sacks are flimsy and are small enough to fit in little mouths.



Want your child to appear in these photos?

Make sure you have filled in the Capture The Moment permission slips



Room Newsletters

Each unit compiles a newsletter each month to inform parents of the following -

- Songs, rhymes and stories the group are focusing on for that month
- Activities they will be carrying out to provide teaching and learning opportunities for the children, and how this links with the Early Years Foundation Stage
- Activity ideas that can be done at home to extend your child's learning further
- Events, trips and outings taking place
- As well as any other important messages or notices you might need to be aware of

Please ensure you receive a copy of the room specific newsletter each month, so that you remain fully up to date with nursery goings on.



Chinese New Year

16th February

To celebrate Chinese New Year, the children will have the opportunity to taste a range of Chinese foods.

Please ensure we have any updated dietary information for your child.

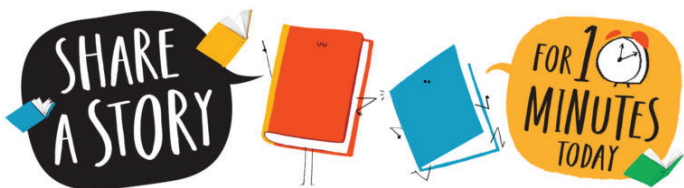


The more that you READ, the more things you will KNOW.
The more that you LEARN, the more places you'll GO.
- Dr Seuss

World Book Day Thursday 1st March

World Book Day is a celebration! It's a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and (most importantly) it's a celebration of reading. In fact, it's the biggest celebration of its kind, designated by UNESCO as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

We welcome toddler and preschool children to come to nursery dressed as their favourite book character in celebration of World Book Day! All children may also bring their favourite book to share at nursery.



Pancake Day

Tuesday 13th February

Children will have the opportunity to taste pancakes with a variety of toppings on this day.

Please ensure we have any updates dietary information for your child.





Reconfirmation of 30 hours funding eligibility code

You are required to renew your code every 3 months. Please do this as soon as possible, as if your code lapses you will no longer qualify for extended funding and we will have to significantly increase your charges.

Once you have renewed your code, this will automatically appear on our system. You do not need to contact the nursery to tell us that you have done so.

Useful Contacts



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If you have updated any of your contact details, please ensure you have passed this onto nursery so that we can reach you in the event of an emergency.

When young children are consistently engaged by music in an age appropriate, socially accepting environment, they benefit at many levels including social-emotional, physical, creative, quantitative and early literacy. And of course, they develop a lifelong love of music.

Introducing Charlie

We are very lucky at The White House Nursery to have our very own musician! Charlie is an ex pupil at our nursery and now works with the children and staff at all of our settings, sharing his wonderful talent with all age groups.

Charlie has already been very busy in the nurseries, working alongside practitioners to give children the opportunity to get involved with singing, dancing and using instruments together.

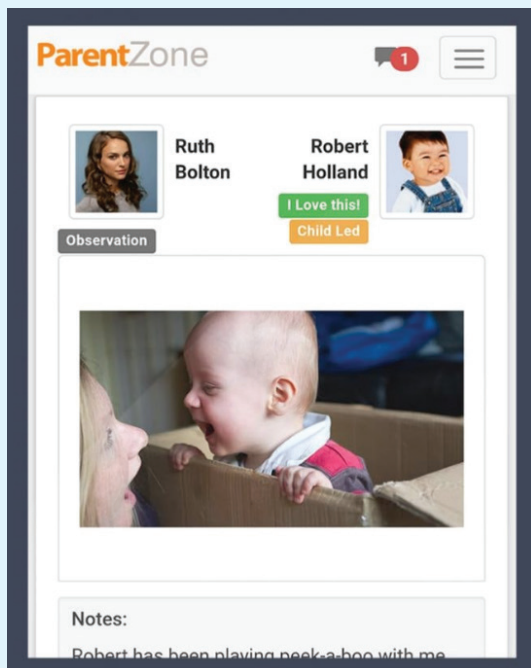
The children have really been enjoying these sessions, and we look forward to Charlie returning again soon. So keep a look out on our social media channels for more photos and videos of what he's been getting up to!

#CaptureTheMoment



Would you like to be featured on our promote a parent section?
Email marketing@whitehousenurseries.com for more information

"Never Miss A Moment" With Parent Zone



ParentZone

Partnership in your Pocket

Welcome to Parent Zone

We are currently in the process of registering all parents to the Parent Zone app, which we are now using in conjunction with our new data management system - Connect Childcare.

Through ParentZone, busy parents can log in and view their child's daily activities and 'wow moments' when it is most convenient for them. Parents can contribute to their child's learning journey, make notes for key workers and strengthen their bond with the staff and setting. Parent zone also allows you to change your contact details, view bills and request extra sessions at the click of a button.

In order to gain access to your account, please click the link in your email to get set up. If you do not receive an email link, please enquire about this at the office.

"Learning is a process rather than a product, and the journey is the most valuable part of the experience" - Reggio Emilia



General Data Protection Regulation

As many of you might be aware, the General Data Protection Regulation was approved by the EU Parliament in 2016 and comes into effect on 25th May 2018.

Technology has moved on massively since the original data protection act was brought in (1998) - meaning there is now more and more personal data being processed through multiple sources, and we need more stringent regulations to protect our personal information.

Three of our management staff at The White House Nursery have recently attended a seminar, in order to find out exactly what GDPR means for us as a company and what we need to be aware of.

In preparation for GDPR coming into effect, The White House Nursery will be reviewing our data processes and tightening up a few things where necessary. This means that as parents, we may need to approach you in order to gain active consent from you, for us to use your/your child's personal information to enable us to provide our service effectively.