



Newsletter

November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Just a bit of an update for you all with some dates for your diary.

Our Team

Directors:- Louise Gray, Paul Gray and Andrew McNamara

Early Years Staff:-

- Louise Gray, Director and Manager – (Level 6) BA Childhood Studies with Early Years Professional Status and Level 3 SENCO and Safeguarding Lead
- Dharmita Mistry – Deputy Manager (Level 6) BA Hons Early Childhood Studies with Early Years Professional Status and Deputy Safeguarding Lead
- Tayyabah Kauser – Early Years Lead Practitioner (Level 5)
- Leena Afzal – Early Years Practitioner (Level 3)
- Sathia Younis – Early Years Practitioner (Level 3)
- Mercedes Shepherd – Early Years Practitioner (Level 3)
- Esme Pickles – Support Early Years Practitioner (temporary contract)
- Olivia Turpin – Early Years Practitioner (Level 3) (temporary until Easter working Monday, Tuesday and Friday)
- Georgia Frampton – Early Years Practitioner (Level 3) (starting with us on 24th November)

Should any parent/carers have any concerns they MUST speak with Louise and in her absence Dharmita.

Fees – Please ensure all fees are paid and up to date by the **end of each week**. Bank details are below:-

OUR BD4 CIC

Natwest

Account Number: 38813165

Sort Code: 56-00-36

Spare Clothes/Nappies/Wipes

Please ensure your child comes to nursery with the appropriate clothing for the weather e.g., warm coat, gloves, scarves, hat and wellies. Spare clothes to be kept at nursery are always recommended due to children having access to water, messy play and outdoor play in all weathers. All bags brought into nursery MUST be safe e.g., no drawstring or plastic bags. It would help staff if bags can be left at nursery until they need replenishing. Please add a name to all bags and child's belongings as some children have the same. Also can lunch boxes be named.

Footwear

We do not allow clogs to be worn in nursery due to the number of children running and falling. Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear.

Website and Facebook

We ask that you all familiarise yourself with the policies which can be found on our website 'The Life Nursery' scroll down to the bottom to downloads. All important information can be found here. We also have our Facebook page which is kept up to date with what is happening in the nursery. No photos of children will be put on Facebook.

Promoting Independence

As part of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and Ofsted requirements we encourage independence in the nursery, particularly for those children who will leave to go to school next September. Please support your child in putting on their own coat, shoes, putting the zip in the fastening, walking into nursery on their own.

Extra Sessions/Increase Decrease of Hours

Should you require extra sessions or would like to increase or decrease your child's hours in January, please let Louise know before 28th November as she is currently in the process of updating the headcount for funding.

Invoicing from January 2026

From January the Department for Education is ensuring transparency for parents with regards to what they are being charged for. We will be introducing invoices which will provide clearly what sessions you are paying for. Louise and Dharmita will explain this in more detail for those parents who pay fees. We will be moving away from the payment method of the SUM UP and all payments will be required to be paid by BACS.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day

W/c Monday 15th December

Party Week (donations of party food greatly appreciated and if this could be brought into nursery on this day).

Wednesday 17th December

Santa will visit Nursery between 1-2pm (please note Santa is unavailable to visit each day so if your child does not normally attend nursery on Wednesday, they will have to be accompanied by an adult for this hour).

Friday 19th December

Nursery closes for Christmas

Wednesday 7th January 2026

Nursery re-opens for the Spring Term

As all our children attend different sessions and times, it can be difficult to organise Christmas week to ensure all children experience the same. All children will be able to take part in our Christmas activities during the whole week.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Louise through email:- louise@thelifenursery.co.uk, facebook messenger or at nursery.

Many thanks, Mrs Louise Gray, Nursery Manager and Nursery Team

Preparation for bad weather

Should we experience heavy snowfall in the New Year, our facebook page will be updated regularly. If you do not have facebook you can always telephone the nursery and if we are open we will answer.