

🌿 Grasshoppers Newsletter last week 🌿

Welcome back after a lovely Easter break!

It has been wonderful to see the children return so happily this week. We were greeted with big smiles at the door on Monday morning, and everyone has settled back into the routine beautifully.

💧 Messy Zone – Water & Oats

To help the children ease back in after the break, we chose familiar, comforting activities.

In the messy zone, the children explored **water in the tuff tray** and **oats in the sensory tray**.

There was so much learning happening here — mixing oats into the water, independently choosing utensils, stirring, pouring, and even introducing play people and dinosaurs. The play constantly evolved, keeping the children engaged and curious throughout the week.



🧵 Table Time – Threading

Threading can be a tricky activity, but keeping it out consistently each day gave the children time to practise and build their **fine motor skills** and **hand dexterity**. We saw brilliant perseverance and concentration as they returned to the activity again and again.



🧱 Floor Play – Community Bricks

On the floor, we used our large community bricks alongside play people and dinosaurs. This activity supported every child's development — from building towers and knocking them down, to creating imaginative play sequences.

We even extended the learning by adding chalks and **numbering the bricks**, which led to building tall numbered towers.

Benefits of building: problem-solving, creativity, motor skills, early maths, and teamwork.



💬 Communication Wins

We have been so impressed with how confidently the children have expressed their wants and dislikes this week — verbally, physically, or through visuals. Their determination to communicate with us has been amazing to see.

Photo Box

Before half term, we mentioned creating a **photo box** filled with pictures of the children, their families, friends, and nursery moments. Many of our children love looking at photos, so we think this will be a lovely addition to our cosy corner.

If you're happy to share any photos, please email them to:

 s.head-moss@lanterns.hants.sch.uk

We will also add some photos from nursery.

Gentle Reminders

- Please remember to **shut the garden gate** before coming in to collect the children — this really helps us keep everyone safe.
- Please ensure your child has **spare clothes** in their bag in case we need to change them.

Sun cream & UV protection:

We now have a UV-monitoring app on our staff iPads. Even on cloudy days, UV rays can still be high. As part of our policy, parents must apply sun cream **before** their child arrives (morning or afternoon)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We've had a wonderful first week back and look forward to a brilliant half term ahead.

The Grasshopper Team 