🐛🌟 Caterpillar Room Newsletter 🌟🐛

Hello Caterpillar families!

We hope you're all settling into the new term and enjoying hearing about your little one's adventures in Caterpillar Room. It's been wonderful getting to know your babies and building those all-important relationships. Thank you for your continued support as we help your children feel happy, safe and secure in their nursery home-from-home.

📱 Famly App Update

We know many of you enjoy seeing updates about your child's day through Famly, and we're pleased to be able to share information with you. However, our biggest priority will always be the babies in our care.

To make sure we're spending as much time as possible playing, cuddling, supporting and engaging with the children, we keep our iPad use to a minimum. This means:

⭐ Care diary updates are usually completed after lunch when many of the babies are sleeping.

⭐ Occasionally, if we've had a particularly busy day full of adventures, we may not complete every diary entry. Don't worry, you'll always receive a detailed handover at drop-off and collection.

⭐ Observations and learning journey updates are often uploaded later in the week, usually on Fridays when staff have more dedicated time available.

⭐ Please avoid using the Famly chat function to contact the room. If you need to share information or would like an update, please phone the school office and ask to speak to Caterpillar Room.

⭐ There's no need to update collection times on Famly.

Thank you for understanding and helping us keep our focus where it belongs... with your babies! 💛

🌳 Exploring Lanterns

We are incredibly lucky at Lanterns to have access to some wonderful facilities, including our meadow, ball pool, lovely outdoor spaces and our double buggies for adventures around the nursery.

As the babies become more settled and confident, we'll gradually begin exploring more of the building, visiting other classrooms and enjoying different learning environments.

For now, our main focus is helping your children feel secure, build trusting relationships with staff and become confident within Caterpillar Room. Once those foundations are in place, the wider Lanterns world awaits! 🚜🍂🌼

🤝 Meet Our SEND Team

Our fantastic SENDCo, Helen, and SENDCo Assistant, Raquel, regularly offer groups, workshops and support sessions for families.

These sessions are open to everyone and provide excellent opportunities to learn new ideas, share experiences and support your child's development.

One session we'd particularly recommend is **Makaton for Parents**. Makaton is used throughout nursery and can be a wonderful way to support communication both at home and at Lanterns.

☕ SOS – Share Our Strategies

Enjoy a cuppa, meet other parents and share ideas with our SEND team.

📅 Monday 5 October, 1:00pm - 2:30pm
📅 Tuesday 6 October, 9:00am - 10:30am
📅 Tuesday 24 November, 1:00pm - 3:00pm
📅 Thursday 26 November, 9:00am - 11:00am

🎨 Make Your Own Symbols

A practical, hands-on session designed to help parents understand the importance of visual supports and how they can be used at home. Parents will have the opportunity to create their own personalised visual resources, such as task strips, routines and key rings etc, using symbols and laminating materials provided by the school. The session will also offer a chance for families to connect, share ideas and chat with other parents in a relaxed and supportive environment.'

📅 Wednesday 23 September - All Day (The Hive)
📅 Tuesday 3 November - All Day (The Hive)

🤟 Makaton for Parents

Learn some of the common signs we use every day at Lanterns.

📅 Tuesday 22 September, 1:30pm - 2:30pm
📅 Thursday 8 October, 9:00am - 10:00am

Events from Hampshire





With warm wishes,

Hayley and the Caterpillar Team 🐛💛