



Bumblebee Class Newsletter



A Warm Welcome from the Bumblebee Team

We've had such a wonderful start to our time together in the Bumblebee class for 2026. The children have settled beautifully, and it has been a joy watching them explore, play, and grow in confidence each day. At the age of two, children learn through a rich variety of sensory play, physical play, imaginative play, and early social play. These experiences help them build communication skills, develop independence, and make sense of the world around them. Our classroom has been full of curiosity, laughter, and those magical early learning moments that make this age so special.



What We've Been Up To

The children have been thoroughly enjoying their time in the art room, creating beautiful masterpieces using paint, glue, and lots of colour. Outdoors, puddle-splashing has brought endless excitement 🌧️💧, and it's been lovely to see the children embrace the weather with such enthusiasm.

We've also been taking part in group games using the lycra, which encourage teamwork, turn-taking, and shared enjoyment 🤝. These activities help children develop early social skills and build confidence in group settings.

We are seeing a wonderful increase in imaginative play too, children pretending to cook, caring for dolls, or turning everyday objects into exciting props. Imaginative play is incredibly valuable at this age. It supports language development, emotional understanding, problem-solving, creativity, and the ability to play alongside others. Watching their ideas unfold has been a real highlight for the team ✨.



Our Key Person Approach

Every child in Bumblebees is allocated a key person when they start with us. This relationship is at the heart of how we support children's emotional wellbeing and development. The key person:

- Builds a close, nurturing bond with the child
- Helps them settle each day and feel safe in the environment
- Gets to know their interests, routines, and comfort needs
- Supports their learning through tailored experiences
- Works closely with families to share updates and celebrate progress

This approach ensures every child has a trusted adult who understands them deeply. It has been lovely welcoming families into the class and seeing how quickly the children are forming strong bonds with their key person and the wider staff team 🌟.

Story Time in Bumblebees

Story time is an important part of our daily routine, and we run two different groups to meet the needs of all our children.

Attention & Listening Group – Attention Autism Approach

This group follows the Attention Autism approach, designed to develop attention, communication, and shared enjoyment. The stages include:

Stage 1 – The Attention Bucket:

1. A bucket filled with exciting, visually stimulating objects to capture the children's attention 📺.

Stage 2 – The Attention Builder:

2. A simple, engaging activity demonstrated by the adult to encourage sustained attention.

Stage 3 – Turn Taking:

3. Children are invited to take turns participating in the activity, supporting confidence and social interaction.

Stage 4 – Independent Activity:

4. Children explore a related activity independently, building confidence and curiosity.

This approach supports focus, listening, communication, and the ability to share attention with others, skills that are essential for early learning 🌈.

Main Story Group – Bucket Time & Story Sack

The main story group also begins with Bucket Time to help children settle and focus. We then move into a story using a story sack filled with props, puppets, and objects that bring the story to life 🧸📖. This makes storytelling interactive, engaging, and memorable. Story sacks support language development, comprehension, imagination, and confidence in group activities.

Bumblebee Singing Time

Twice a day, the children come together for singing time, another treasured part of our routine. Singing supports:

- Language development
- Memory and recall
- Rhythm and coordination

- Social bonding
- Confidence and self-expression

Children also take turns choosing a song, which encourages independence, decision making, and a sense of belonging 🌟.

This week, the children have chosen:

🎵 **The Rainbow Song**

🎵 **The Ants Go Marching**

🎵 **The Caterpillar Song**

🎵 **Wind the Bobbin Up**

🎵 **The Wheels on the Bus**

It has been wonderful to see how much joy and energy they bring to these sessions.

Health & Wellbeing

At this time of year, there can be lots of illnesses circulating. It's important that all policies and procedures are followed to help keep everyone safe and well. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for **48 hours after the last episode**. If you are ever unsure, please refer to NHS guidance online or speak to a member of the team.

We continue to do our best to minimise the spread of infection through regular cleaning, good hygiene routines, and keeping families informed 🍷🌟.

A Warm Thank You

Thank you for your continued support, kindness, and partnership as we guide your little ones through these early steps in their learning journey. It is a privilege to watch them grow in confidence, curiosity, and independence each day. We truly value the trust you place in us and look forward to many more joyful moments together in the Bumblebee class.

Cora and the Bumblebee Team 🍷🐝