

Bumblebee Class Newsletter



A warm and welcome from Cora and the Bumblebee Team

What a heart-warming week it has been in Bumblebees. Despite the rainy days splashing at our windows, the children have filled our room with sunshine through their smiles, curiosity, and enthusiasm. Their joy has truly brightened every corner of our classroom.

What Have Bumblebees Been Up To This Week?

Bird Feeder Creations

Our little Bumblebees have been busy helping to care for the birds in our garden. This week, they explored two lovely ways to make bird feeders:

-  **Pinecone Feeders:** Rolling pinecones in lard and dipping them into bird seed
-  **Threaded Feeders:** Carefully threading cereal hoops onto pipe cleaners to hang from the trees

These activities have supported:

- Fine motor development
- Sensory exploration
- Hand-eye coordination
- Early environmental awareness
- A sense of pride and responsibility

If you'd like to join in at home, the **RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch** is a wonderful family activity.

Songs of the Week

The children have loved singing, moving, and joining in with actions for:

- *Two Little Dickie Birds*
- *Hairy Fred*
- *Five Little Speckled Frogs*
- *Hickory Dickory Dock*

These songs help build rhythm, language, confidence, and joyful group participation. Their little voices have been a delight.

👁️ Attention & Listening Group

We are incredibly proud of the children in our Attention and Listening group. They have made such fantastic progress that we have now introduced **Stage 3 of the Attention Autism approach**, created by Gina Davies.

🌟 What is Stage 3? – “The Interactive Game”

At this stage, children are invited to take turns in a simple, exciting activity. It helps them:

- Build shared attention
- Develop turn-taking skills
- Strengthen social interaction
- Grow anticipation and engagement

The children have embraced this beautifully, showing confidence and focus. We are so proud of them all.

💬 Supporting Children’s Mental Health

In Bumblebees, we place great importance on nurturing children’s emotional wellbeing. At this age, children are learning how to understand their feelings, express themselves, and build trusting relationships. Throughout the week, we support their mental health by:

- Offering consistent routines so they feel safe and secure
- Using calm, reassuring language to help them name and understand their emotions
- Encouraging turn-taking, sharing, and gentle problem-solving
- Providing cosy spaces where children can rest, reset, or seek comfort
- Celebrating their efforts, kindness, and achievements to build confidence

These small, everyday moments help children develop resilience, emotional awareness, and a strong sense of belonging — all essential foundations for positive mental health as they grow.

👤 Meet the Team – Week 2



This week, meet Emma!

"Hi, I am Emma and I've been an Early Years Practitioner at Lanterns for 4 years and in Bumblebees for over two years. I have over 25 years of experience in childcare through various roles. I absolutely love working within our two-year-old provision. It's a privilege to watch each individual child's personality shine through as we build those strong relationships with the children. Outside of work, I am a busy mum of three and you will often find me on the side of the football pitch or at an acro competition cheering my little ones on. I

also love to read, especially when I can sit in the sunshine in the garden."

Come back next week to see who we introduce next.

Well-Being Tip for Parents

Take a “pause and breathe” moment with your child.

Choose one moment in the day perhaps before bedtime, after nursery pick-up, or during a quiet cuddle to take three slow breaths together. It helps calm busy minds, strengthens connection, and teaches little ones a simple tool they can use as they grow. These shared calm moments support both your wellbeing and theirs.

A Lovely Note

Thank you for your continued support and for sharing your wonderful children with us. Their laughter, kindness, and curiosity make Bumblebees such a special place to be. If you have any questions, please email me at c.leighton@lanterns.hants.sch.uk.

Warmest wishes,

Cora and the Bumblebee Team