



Nursery

Spring 1 Newsletter

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Please include both Nursery Teachers in your emails to ensure you have the quickest response. Thank you!

Tuesday 6th January 2026
school re-opens to all
children

Upcoming Events

Storyteller Carole Burton to visit
Nursery to deliver her exciting
Puppets, Plays and Story days
session - Date TBC

Important reminders:

- All belongings **MUST** be labelled, including bags, shoes and all items of uniform
- Please avoid shoes with laces. Velcro or pull on shoes are much easier
- Each day, children need to bring a water bottle and a bag containing spare underwear and uniform.
- Parent/carer messages are shared via Arbor - please inform the school office if you require access.
- We are a **NUT FREE** school. To ensure the safety of all children and staff, nuts and food containing nuts **MUST NOT** be brought into school. This includes chocolate spread.

School dates

Friday 13th February 2026
School closes for Half Term

Monday 23rd February 2026
School reopens for Spring 2

Messages

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had the most magical Christmas and have made wonderful memories to treasure.

Welcome back for the start of a new term! We are also very excited to welcome some new friends and families to Griffin Nursery during the next two weeks. We are sure you will join us in helping them to feel welcome.

This term, our theme is 'Under the Sea!'. The children will focus on a number of key texts to support this topic, including, Secret Seahorse by Stella Blackstone and My Pet Goldfish by Catherine Rayner.



Spring 1 - Under the Sea

Communication and Language- The children will continue to develop their vocabulary and will listen to simple stories, discussing the illustrations. Children will talk about the feelings and emotions of stories and talk about the similarities and difference between different sea creatures.

PSED- In our weekly Jigsaw sessions we will be focusing on 'Dreams and Goals'. We will be talking about setting goals, feeling proud and using kind words to encourage and help our friends.

Physical Development- The children will develop their scissor skills by cutting along a curved line. They will practise important life skills including fastening zips and buttons and using cutlery to cut up their food at lunch time.

Literacy- The children will continue to develop their phonological awareness. They will enjoy looking at books and listening to stories being read to them. They will engage in extended conversations about stories, learning new vocabulary. Children will continue to develop their pen grip and practise drawing lines and shapes.

Maths- In Maths, the children will continue their learning of numbers 1-5, with a focus on mastery of the numeral 3. They will enjoy sorting and learning about the 2d shape, triangle. Children will investigate and explore size.

Expressive Arts and Design- The children will build on nursery rhymes and learn songs with actions. In the creative area, children will use glue and other joining materials to create a sea creature stick puppet!

Understanding the World- Children will discuss that some animals live in water and some live on land. They will sort animals by basic features.