

Rachel McMillan Nursery School

Newsletter – Autumn 2 2026

9th November 2026

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who stayed to plant bulbs on Wednesday morning. The children thoroughly enjoyed it, and we hope to see beautiful flowers in spring!



Rhyme Time

The children will be learning the rhyme *Jack and Jill* in 'Rhyme Time' for the next fortnight.

Jack and Jill



Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water.
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

Up Jack got, and home did trot,
As fast as he could caper.
He went to bed to mend his head,
With vinegar and brown paper.

Here are some of the Makaton signs for this rhyme:

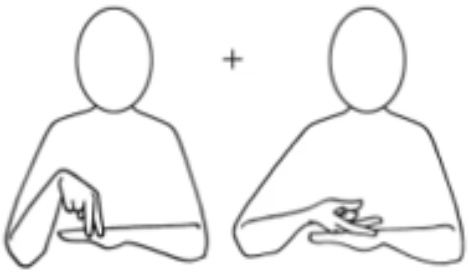
Up



Water



To fall over



Break



Crown



BBC Children in Need

Friday 13th November 2026

We will have a fun dress up day this **Friday, 13th November** to support BBC Children in Need. The children can wear something yellow, something spotty or even their pyjamas! We will be collecting money on the gate on Friday to support this worthwhile event. Every donation helps us support BBC Children in Need and spread a little more kindness.



Maths Parent Workshops

We will be holding two parent workshops focusing on Maths in nursery on **17th November at 9:15am** and **20th November at 2:30pm.**

These workshops will contain the same content, so there in no need to attend both sessions. These workshops are open to all parents / carers. Please let your Shelter team know if you are attending, so we know how many people are coming to each session.

Community News

As part of Men's Mental Health Awareness Month, Quaggy will be hosting a Dads/Male Carers Quiz & Chips Night **on 23rd November 2026, 6.00pm to 8.00pm** at their Parkside venue (across the road from Quaggy Children's Centre).

Scan the QR code on the flyer to book a place.



Attendance and Punctuality

If children are unwell then please ring or email the office and let them know on the first day. Minor colds and being tired are all things we can support children with at nursery. It will help to build up their immune systems. Please keep your children at home if they have a high temperature, sickness or diarrhoea.

Please make sure you always arrive on time for the start of your child's sessions each day. Please use the Studybugs app to report absences directly.

Diary Dates

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- **17th November** – 9:15am Maths Parent workshop.
- **20th November** – 2:30pm Maths Parent workshop.
- **10th December** – Christmas lunch for children who attend Nursery on a Thursday.
- **11th December** - 3:15pm – 4:45pm Winter Light Festival (after school). (More information will follow.)
- **Children's Shelter parties** - Wednesday 16th December at 2pm.
- **18th December** - 2pm Shelters close for the Christmas break. (Extended Day finishes at 5:30pm.) **Please note that Holiday Club is not running during the Christmas holiday.**

Spring 1 2027

- **Monday 4th January 2027** - Staff Inset Day and home visits for the new Nursery starters. (School closed to all children).
- **Tuesday 5th January** - All established children return to Nursery.
- **15th January 2027** - Primary School Application process ends.
- **Friday 12th February** – 3pm School finishes for half term. (Extended Day will close at 5:30pm as usual. Holiday provision will be available for those families who book in advance.)
- **Half term - Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February.**