



Keswick House Nursery

Nursery Newsletter

Week beginning 22nd September 2025

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed a busy start to the term and the children are really settling in well. We are getting to know their personalities and above all their interests which have already influenced many of the planned activities. Any tears are now short lived as the teachers wave their magic wands and skilfully settle or distract the children! Please remember to always let us know if there are any changes at home as it is not uncommon for children's behaviour to change in these scenarios. Please start up play dates if you have not done so already as it makes a difference in the classroom as the children greatly enjoy connecting both in and out of school.

The children are exploring a wide variety of learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom and are particularly keen to explore our school slide so do follow this interest in your local parks. Upper Nursery children have particularly adjusted very well to their new 'grown up' routines and are moving and transitioning around the school confidently. There is a great amount of social interaction amongst the children and Upper Nursery truly enjoy any opportunity to play with the younger children.

In a few weeks we will be celebrating Diwali and our classrooms are brought to life with colour. There are so many celebrations important to our staff too and we encourage you all to add any celebrations and dates that you feel are important to your family. Our aim is to create and celebrate a rich and diverse calendar of events and celebrations throughout the school year to share in class. We love a celebration!

Website

You can find all the important information you need to know about our Nursery on our website. This includes information about what we are learning, key policies, important dates and special events.

Please see keswick@therocheschool.co.uk

Instagram

Please follow us on https://instagram.com/keswick_house_nursery?utm_medium=copy_link. The handle is @keswick_house_nursery

Free-Flow Play

The Lower Nursery and Upper Nursery children have been very busy exploring their new environment. Our Montessori practical life shelf activities throughout the school have been a huge hit with new and challenging activities carefully set out on the shelves to engage the children. We follow the children's interests so that their interest is sparked even more intensely. They have already explored so many different resources including polishing, pouring activities, pegging, sieving as well as exploring simple to complex puzzles, hole

punching and using a tap-a-picture activity with a hammer and pins, to name just a few. All these activities promote hand-eye coordination and focus. The children have had many opportunities for outside learning too; the sand and water activities have also been very popular especially the water cascade which they find fascinating. However nothing beats playing with twigs and leaves and make-believe garden games.

Lower Nursery

The children have been settling in and learning the school routine, demonstrating independence in various ways such as putting their coats on their pegs as they enter the classroom in the mornings and placing water bottles on the designated table. We have been very impressed by how little support the children need to eat their snack or lunch. We also focus on good table manners during these times and the children do not start eating until everyone has been served. Please do not overload the Tupperware as only a small snack is needed. We also offer milk to the children at snack time. The children are also learning all the different names in class including the teachers and we have been playing many turn taking games to reflect this.

The most frequented places in Lower Nursery these past 3 weeks are most definitely the practical life activities and the home corner. They are very sweetly acting out home scenarios and the children's characters are already coming out which is adorable to see.

In the garden, the children enjoy playing with all the equipment available, especially the wooden car and our garden slide which they are already learning to independently climb. They have been intrigued by the wheelbarrows with some children trying hard to manoeuvre around the garden collecting leaves as they go along.

During circle time our focus has been singing nursery rhymes and number songs and their faces have lit up, with some impressively joining in with the words or actions. The children have also been introduced to runny glue and spatulas. We have a dedicated art area where the children are encouraged to independently choose materials to create collages, snip with scissors and mark make. They have been very interested in mark making especially tracing using the Montessori Insets for design.

Here are some pictures to show you what fun we have had!







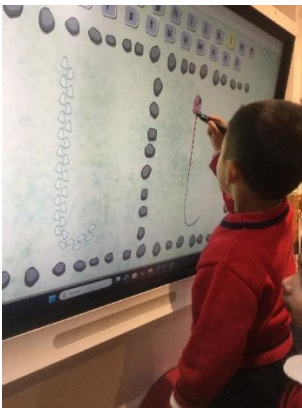
Upper Nursery News.....

We have had such a fantastic start to the year. It has been lovely getting to know our new, grown-up Upper Nursery children; they are a jolly group! The children have settled so well over the past two weeks and are fast making friends and enjoying all the opportunities for exploring and learning.

The children have been learning some Nursery ground rules and how to handle, transport and put away the Montessori Practical Life and other resources. Some of them are very helpful and keen to tidy up. They have enjoyed conker roller painting, shape recognition and many sorting activities, counting and 'phonics fun' learning the sounds 'a' and 's' so far. They are happy and confident to explore both classrooms during free-flow and enjoy the freedom it brings. Those that took part in Forest School really enjoyed cooking on the 'fire'!

Enjoy our photos:







Other News

We want to emphasise the importance of communication between parents and teachers and encourage you to use Tapestry as a way of reaching out to your child's key teacher. You can also call or email the office on keswick@therocheschool.com. Your child's observations, next steps and targets are also posted on Tapestry.

We would also like to encourage parents to arrange play dates as the children are beginning to bond and new friendships are already blossoming.

Could you please ensure your child's shoe bag is fully stocked with a spare set of clothes (even if your child is in Upper Nursery), wipes, extra nappies and nappy sacks if necessary. Could you please check all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Please do not forget our Nursery Curriculum Talk (and coffee morning) is being held on Thursday 2nd October at 9.15 a.m. Please let Mrs Lisa know if you are able to attend.

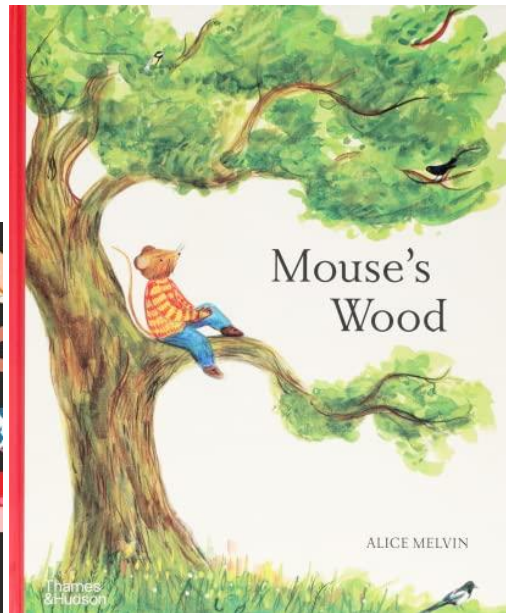
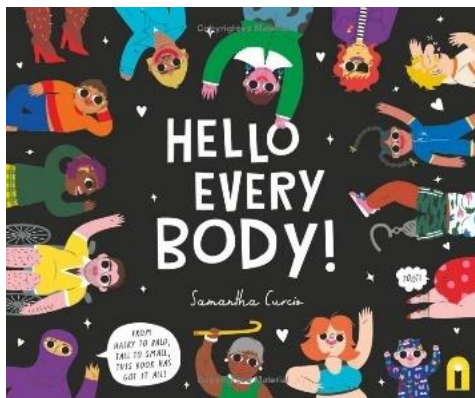
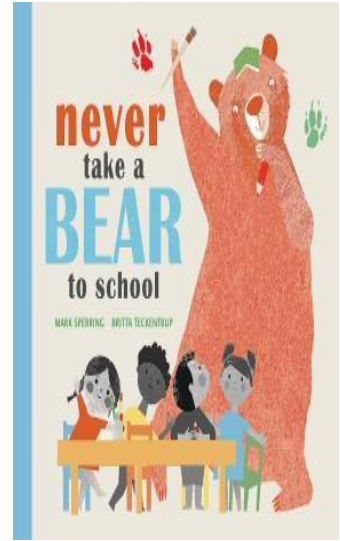
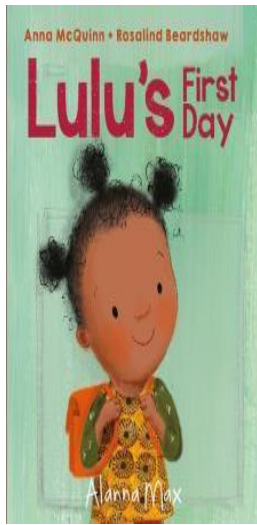
Could we remind parents of the new healthy eating habits for school- fruit only please for snack. If your child prefers to have their apple sliced or orange in segments, please can this be already prepared and placed in a Tupperware box clearly labelled with your child's name.

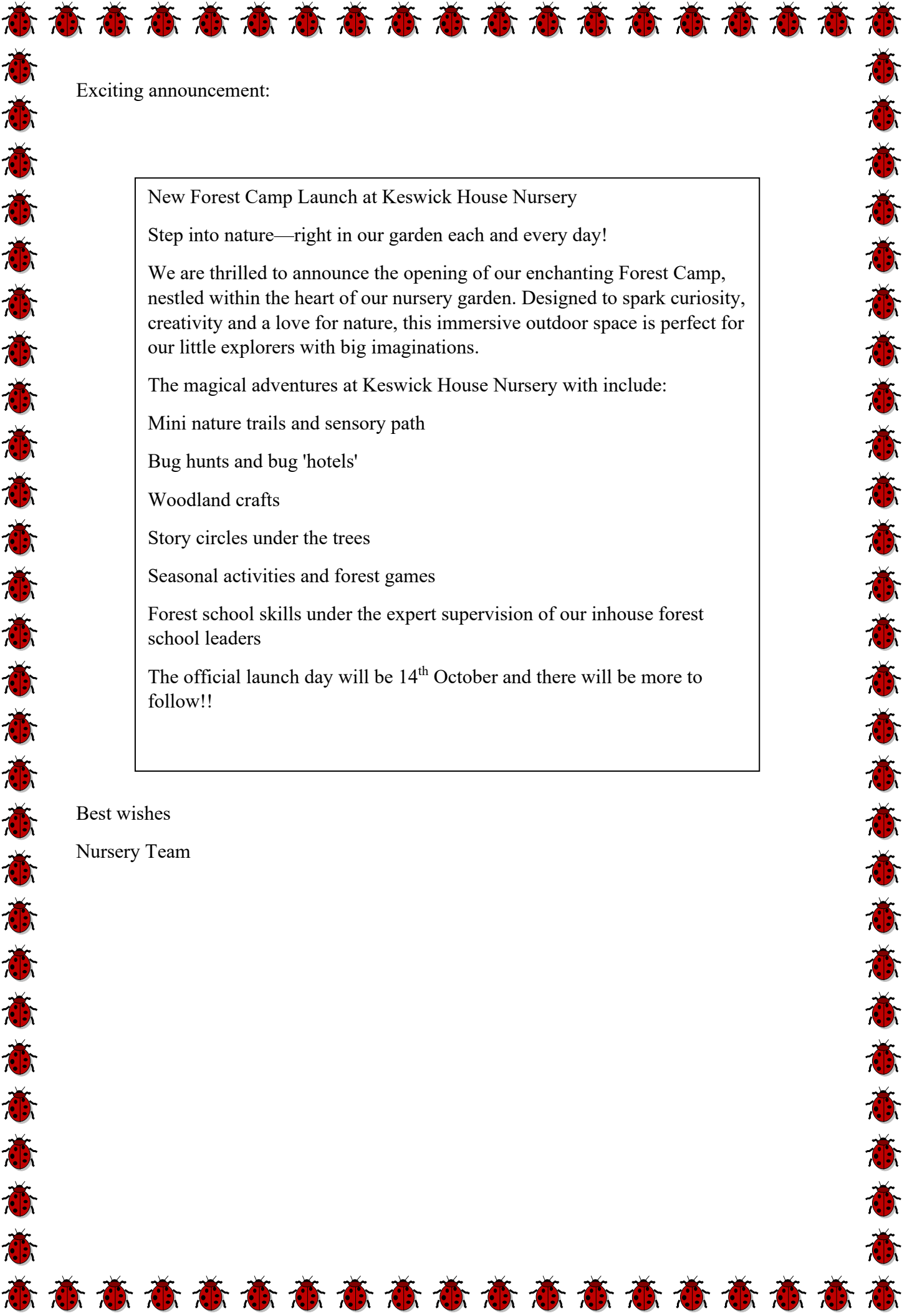
If your child stays for club, snack should also be a piece of fruit.

We are still finding dried fruit and grapes in snack boxes- grapes are not permitted as they present a choking hazard and dried fruit has a high sugar content.

Book suggestions this fortnight:

- Lulu's First Day by Anna McQuin
- Mouse's Wood- a year in nature by Alice Melvin
- Hello Every Body by Samantha Curcio
- Never Take a Bear To School by Mark Sperring
- Think Big Little One by Vashti Harrison





Exciting announcement:

New Forest Camp Launch at Keswick House Nursery

Step into nature—right in our garden each and every day!

We are thrilled to announce the opening of our enchanting Forest Camp, nestled within the heart of our nursery garden. Designed to spark curiosity, creativity and a love for nature, this immersive outdoor space is perfect for our little explorers with big imaginations.

The magical adventures at Keswick House Nursery with include:

Mini nature trails and sensory path

Bug hunts and bug 'hotels'

Woodland crafts

Story circles under the trees

Seasonal activities and forest games

Forest school skills under the expert supervision of our inhouse forest school leaders

The official launch day will be 14th October and there will be more to follow!!

Best wishes

Nursery Team