

Reminders

Please can we remind you to keep hot food in an insulated container. We also must insist that lunches are **nut-free** and free from anything containing **nuts**, including 'Nutella' and **peanut butter**. Please make sure they are not in the ingredients of sauces/dips either. Lunches may not include **sweets, chocolate, crisps, biscuit packs or sweetened drinks**. Fresh water will be provided at lunch time. For ideas for healthy packed lunches, please check:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

As the car park is only for the residents of the flats and visitors who have booked a space, we ask that you don't park there otherwise you may get a parking ticket. We kindly ask that you do not double park outside. We appreciate that you work with us to protect children and your vehicles.

Please also keep the entrance door closed behind you and children should not ride their scooters/bikes in the building. Other things to bear in mind regarding collection times are:

If someone new is collecting your child on your behalf, could you please remind them to come to the reception first with the correct password to ensure a smooth pickup and children's safety.

If you need to collect your child early, we ask that you arrive prior to **11.20am** or **2.50pm** so children's group time will be protected as targeted learning time. If you arrive after these times you will be asked to wait in the Parent Room until the end of the session. Please ensure that anyone collecting your child is also aware of this arrangement.

In addition, if you are going to be late, please give us a call so we can reassure your child. We would also appreciate that you inform us early and keep us updated if your child is going to be absent.

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Our website:

<https://www.maytree-nursery.lambeth.sch.uk>

Maytree Nursery School & Children's Centre Newsletter

Welcome to all our new families and welcome back to our familiar friends. We hope you enjoyed the half term break. Our newsletters share with you any news, developments and information on the learning and events that are happening throughout the nursery.

For all new families, thank you for all of your support and patience throughout the settling in process. We understand and appreciate your effort as children took a big step in building their confidence and independence. There is always someone available to support you, listen to your worries and help to reassure you. We also would like to thank all the parents/carers/volunteers who came in to join the activities with children. We appreciate your kindness and enthusiasm. If you would like to participate in any school activities or become an volunteer, please feel free to talk to your key person or Monika who is our Volunteer Coordinator.

During the first half term, we took designated groups of children to visit the Colourscape event, Brixton market, Pizza Express and Forest School, which enriched their learning in exploring and understanding the world. We celebrated Black History Month and Diwali, children enjoyed buying various fruit from the market, cooking and eating traditional food from different cultures, making Diwali divas and learning words in a new language. During this half term, we have more activities and events planned.

Meanwhile, we have 20 free places for First Aid training session for parents from [Butterfly First Aid](#) on **21st November Friday 9:30-11:45**, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please see our flyers for more information. If you are interested, please contact our admin team and secure your place with a £5 REFUNDABLE deposit. There's also potential future sessions if demand is high.

Finally, in this newsletter we will also talk about what and how children learn at school and ideas and activities you can enjoy with them at home to consolidate their learning.



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Dates for your diary

Below are listed some key dates coming up this term:

Thur 11th Dec 2025	Christmas Story Trail & Manor Farm visiting
Thur 11th Dec 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Weds 17th Dec 2025	Staff performance
Thur 18th Dec. 2025	Santa's grotto

Fri 19th Dec. 2025	School finishes at 12:30pm Last day of the term
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Christmas Holiday



Mon 5th Jan. 2026	INSET day
Tue 6th Jan. 2026	Home visits
Wed 7th Jan. 2026	Children's first day back to school

School Fund & Uniform

We would like to say a sincere thank you for your donations which enabled us to book this year's farm animals visit and previous events such as the Adanta dancers and bouncy castle. We appreciate all of the school fund contributions we receive, as they also help us pay for visitors to the school and trips for children. This term is £14 for part timers and £28 for full timers and can be paid at reception.

We also sell Maytree sweatshirts and T-shirts for your children to wear at nursery. You can purchase these at reception.



We have kindly been donated a Christmas tree for the reception area by Pines and Needles and they would love to offer parents a discount (CODE: SCHOOL10) on Christmas trees in their pop up store at : Brockwell Park Entrance Near Herne Hill Gate/Norwood Road entrance, Norwood Road SE24-9AA

What we have been learning at school

- Knowing that our grown ups will come back at home time.
- Building confidence and sense of security through the routine of the day.
- Having lunches with our friends and adults and learning about eating healthy food to help us grow.
- Making new friends through turn taking, sharing interests and expressing ideas and opinions with kind words.



- Exploring new environment indoor and outdoor with confidence, using all senses to explore and consolidate our learning through repetition.
- Developing physical strength and coordination outdoors in all weathers.
- Developing fine motor skills through malleable materials, painting, water play, cutting and pasting, puzzles, cooking, dressing up, etc. this will develop early writing skills.
- Celebrating who we are, learning about ourselves, our families, our culture and celebrations.
- Observing changes in our natural environment as seasons change, such as birds and insects in the garden. Learning how to care for and respect living things.
- Learning new words and developing early reading skills from talking, singing, listening and reading stories together with grown ups and friends.
- Express ourselves in singing, dancing, creating our own designs.



Parenting corner

'Let's go potty' with [ERIC](#) When and how to start toilet training and any other [Q&As](#) regarding little bladders and bowels. Check periodically for free [webinars](#) for parents.

[My Family Coach](#) offers [videos](#), [podcasts](#) and [journal app](#) for supporting families with children of all ages in behaviour, wellbeing and emotional regulation.

[Children Centre's online notice board](#) is a live notice board with lots of information, free and fun activities, recipes, tips, courses, information on health and wellbeing and much more provided by our local children centres.

It would be great at home if we can...

- ★ Talk about what children do in the nursery.
- ★ Talk about what we see/ hear together: shopping, on the bus, in the park, at the dinner table...



- ★ When we play with children, before asking your child a question, we make three or four comments on what they are doing so they feel confident and relaxed to respond.
- ★ Read stories together and encourage children to create their own stories.
- ★ Show children that adults write using pen and paper, for example, writing a note, a list, or a card; so they see and understand that mark making has a purpose and meaning. They may then do their own!