

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 visitors with booked spaces and is enforced by Metropolitan, we ask that you don't use the bay or park outside the school to avoid any parking tickets. Tickets were issued recently in both areas. We also appreciate that you work with us not to double park outside to protect children.

Please pull 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/2.50pm** for GPB and **11.45am/3.15pm** for YR 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. Late fees may apply. 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.

Since the beginning of the summer term, we have welcomed a new cohort of children to the Yellow Room as it has now expanded with afternoon sessions. As the youngest group of children at Maytree, they are doing really well and getting settled into a new environment with the support from their families and Yellow Room staff team.

In the summer term we have more exciting activities lined up for our children and families. We will observe caterpillars turning into butterflies and have more theatre shows and trips organised.

We will also start preparing children for their **next big step**: School leavers will start having visits to and from their primary school; Yellow Room children who started in September will start visiting GPB Room to support their transition in September. At the same time we will continue to have 'Stay and Play' sessions every Wednesday to welcome new starters in September in both rooms.

This year's **Summer Social** event will be on Friday 27th June. School will close at 3pm for children. From 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm, all families are welcome to join this fun afternoon with our Maytree staff to bring and share food and drinks together. Thanks to your contribution to the school fund, we have been able to book a performance from Adanta dancers and drummers and a bouncy castle.



Finally we invite all school leavers' parents/carers to join the **Leavers' Ceremony** on 17th July to celebrate children's achievements and say goodbye and best wishes to them. GPB Room will finish at 11:45am and Yellow Room 12pm. There will be NO afternoon session.



June 2025 Summer term

Dates for your diary

Below are listed some key dates coming up this term:

Monday	2nd June 2025	Children return to school.
Friday	6th June 2025	Photographer in school.
Friday	27th June 2025	Summer Social (late afternoon).
Thursday	17th July 2025	Leavers' Ceremony (morning). No school in the afternoon. Last day of school for all children.
Friday	18th July 2025	Parent conferencing. School closed.



Summer Holiday



Monday	8th Sept. 2025	Children return to school.
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School Fund & Uniform

We would like to say a sincere thank you for your donations which enabled us to book the 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 £12 for part timers and £24 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.

What we have been learning at school

- As new children, learning that our grown ups will come back at home time. Building confidence and sense of security through the routine of the day.

Enjoy Fruit Time and Lunch Time independently with our friends and adults and learning about eating healthy food to help us grow.



- Improving our communication skills with our friends through turn taking, sharing interests and expressing ideas and opinions with kind words.
- Developing physical strength and coordination in all weathers.
- Developing fine motor skills through malleable materials, painting, water play, cutting and pasting, puzzles, cooking, dressing up, etc. which supports early writing skills.
- Learning about ourselves and others, celebrating birthdays, festivals from different cultures.
- Observing changes in our natural environment as seasons change, such as observing insects and tadpoles with visualisers. Learning how to care for and respect living things through observing how ducklings are hatched from the incubator; growing strawberries, onions and sunflowers..
- Learning new words in English and other languages. Developing early reading skills from singing, listening and reading stories together with adults and friends.
- Express ourselves in singing, dancing, creating our own designs and stories.



Parenting corner

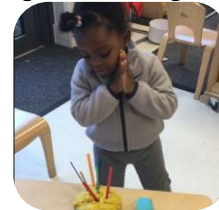
'Let's go potty' with [ERIC](#) When and how to start toilet training and any other [Q&As](#) regarding little bladders and bowels. Check periodically for free [webinars](#) for parents.

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

[Playful Pathways](#) also has a lot of [videos](#) on its Youtube channel on how to create fun and creative activities for young children at home and advice on managing tantrums, strengthening relationships and so on.

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

- ★ Ask children the best part of their day in the nursery.
- ★ Talk about your day and how you feel and how you process your feelings. All feelings are valid.



- ★ Let the children take the lead to read a story together.
- ★ Write with your child, using pen and paper, for example, names, cards, recipe, to do lists, reminders; so they see and understand that mark making has a purpose and meaning. Some of them are already doing it at school.
- ★ Visit green spaces or somewhere new, even watch a cloud together and make up a story!