





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 on the street. 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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https://twitter.com/maytree_nursery


Our website:

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

Maytree Nursery School & Children's Centre Newsletter

Welcome back everyone! We hope you enjoyed the half term break.

Winter seems very long and very wet this year but it hasn't dampen our enthusiasm in exploring and learning at Maytree. Since we came back from the Christmas holiday, there has been a lot of interests in the world around us. Children have been curious about the weather and our community; we had a lot of investigating going on. We also explored the ways to look after ourselves in the cold weather, such as wearing appropriate clothes, staying active, and looking after each other by making and sharing cosy and warm drinks and food. Some children and their families have also visited the Polka theatre and enjoyed the magical show 'The snowflake' at the beginning of the term.

In March we will celebrate the **World Book Day**.  This year's it is on **Thursday March 5th**. We want to encourage all children to read for pleasure and enjoy sharing stories at home and at school. Children can come to school dressed up as one of their favourite characters from a story book. Whether it's just a hat or even a tail, homemade costumes are highly recommended! We will celebrate the day enjoying reading books with our adults and friends.

Finally, we would really appreciate if everyone can voice their opinions on the consultation on the future of our very cherished nursery. Your voices matter and add weight to the collective opposition to the proposal to close Maytree Nursery School. Please help us keep our nursery open. It's not just a nursery, it's a family full of love and support; and a hub for our vibrant community. Please send your reasons against the proposal on the Lambeth website here:

<https://haveyoursay.lambeth.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/consultation-on-the-future-of-maytree-nursery-school> 




Stop school cuts,
Save our nursery!



February 2026
Spring

Dates for your diary

Below are listed some key dates coming up this term:

Thurs 5th	March 2026	World Book Day
Thurs 26th	March 2026	Children's last day
Fri 27th	March 2026	Parents conferencing (School closed)
	 Easter Holiday 	
Mon 13th	April 2026	INSET day (school closed)
Tues 14th	April 2026	Children's first day
Mon 20th	April 2026	Incubator and eggs arriving
Mon 4th	May 2026	Bank holiday
Thur 14th	May 2026	Photographer coming in
Fri 22nd	May 2026	Children's last day

School Fund & Uniform

We would like to say a sincere thank you for your donations which enabled us to book last 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 £10 for part timers and £20 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

- 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.
- Observing and exploring how water changes into ice and melts again.
- How to keep warm and active in the cold weather.
- Learning self care skills in washing hands, taking off and putting on coats, hats and scarves.



- Following instructions and taking turns when making hot chocolate and toast.
- Learning how to use tally chart to collect and share information.
- Developing physical strength and coordination outdoors in all weathers. For example, home corner and building.
- Celebrating birthdays with our friends and enjoying shared learning in story groups and music sessions.
- Enjoying the core books and making up our own stories; dressing up, making our own props and extending the stories with our friends.
- Establishing rules in our play with the help of our teachers.
- Exchanging our feelings and ideas to our friends; learning how to be kind and gentle.



Family corner

[ERIC](#) website has information pages on children's [bladder health](#) and [bowel health](#). There are a lot of tips and resources when your little ones have difficulty in toileting.

[Children Centre's online notice board](#) is a live notice board with information on free and fun activities, recipes, and organised sessions on pregnancy, babies, toddlers and older children. There are also training courses for adults on learning English, employment and benefit supports.

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

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



- ★ When playing with your child, make three or four comments on what they are doing before asking your child a question, 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. They will see and understand that mark making has a purpose and meaning. They may then do their own!