

Newsletter Spring Term 2024

Welcome to our Spring Term Newsletter.

We are delighted to welcome our new children and families to BEYA this term. We hope that your child is settling into their new routine.

We want to work closely with you throughout your child's time with us, so please do not hesitate to speak with your child's key person if there is something you feel we should know about, or anything you would like to ask – we are here to help and support.

Fundraising

Our fundraising events throughout the year make such a difference to our schools.

Thank you to everyone who attended, or donated to our Christmas Fair, which made an amazing £2,200. A very special thank you to our parent champions and volunteers who made this possible. We have used this money to equip two new learning spaces - Val's Villa at Brookhill (above) and Diamond Room at St Margaret's.

We have two more fundraising events to look forward to this year. Our 'Huff & Puff' sponsored event will take place on **Wednesday 8 May** and our summer fair will take place on **Saturday 8 June**. Please save the dates and do all you can to support these events.



Moving to reception

If your child will be leaving nursery and moving to Reception in September 2024, you will find out which school you have been offered, by email, on Tuesday 16 April 2024. Please let your child's key person know what school your child has been offered and if happy with the decision, remember to accept the place.



Instagram

To see some of the lovely activities the children are doing at nursery, please follow us on Instagram and 'like and comment' on our pictures.



[@brookhillnursery](#) [@stmargaretsnurserybarnet](#) [@hampden_way_nursery](#)

Also, please click here to follow our [BEYA Facebook](#) page

Respect and responsibility

One of our targets this year is to help children look after the nursery and the wider world. A big part of this is a focus on tidy up time at nursery. Please do what you can at home to involve children in daily routines and household chores eg. sorting the washing and putting their toys back where they belong. This will help children to develop positive attitudes to hard work and social responsibility – a very valuable life skill! You can see our school development plan on our Parent Padlet.

Reminders

Vaccinations

Please remember to inform us if your child has had vaccinations or if they are unwell as we have vulnerable staff.

Arrival time

Please arrive at nursery on time for your session. This is beneficial for your child and will help to prepare for the routine when they start school. Children should arrive at 8.30am, 9am or 12.30pm depending on your child's provision. Please also remember to be on time when collecting your child. Doors open at 11.25, 3pm and 3.25pm.



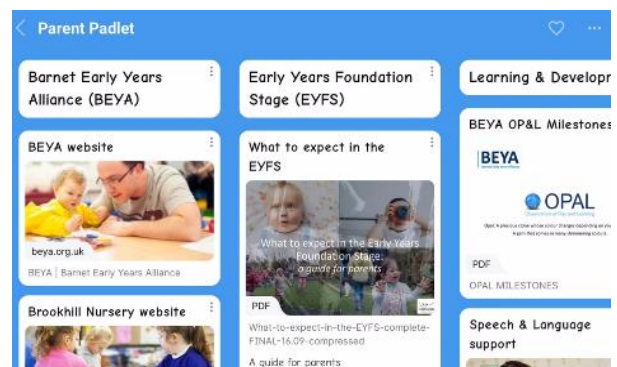
Welcome Wednesday

Please join us on **Wednesday 12 June, 3.45pm – 4.45pm** for our Olympic themed Welcome Wednesday – a lovely opportunity to come in and have a chat with staff and take part in some fun outdoor activities. Siblings welcome.

Parent Padlet

We have created a Parent Padlet for you to access, a useful one-stop-shop, including a recording of our BEYA welcome session. It includes everything from our curriculum to advice on nutrition and speech and language development. Links get added regularly and if you come across a useful link that you would like to add, please let us know. Bookmark the link for easy reference.

https://padlet.com/Barnet_Early_Years_Alliance/r2kyrehl1xz3768n



Talk Pants

Another useful link to look at, with advice and support to help teach our children to keep themselves safe is the [NSPCC Talk Pants](#)

Online safety

We would like to raise your awareness of how to keep your children safe online. [Click here](#) to view a recording of our online safety training run by Perryn Jasper including topics such as social media and gaming.

From age-specific online safety checklists to guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, you will find a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world at www.internetmatters.org

There is a parent helpline run by the **NSPCC** and O2 experts which talks parents through setting up parental controls: 0808800500

September 2024

Our spaces are filling fast but we do have spaces across our three nurseries in September. Please help to spread the word about our nurseries to friends, family and on any social media platforms or local groups that you follow. If you have a local business and would be willing to put up a poster, please let us know. Also if your child will be returning to nursery in September and you would like to change or increase their provision, please email admissions@beya.org.uk. Thank you.

Your child's learning

We hope you are enjoying us sharing our 'key concept planning' with you. This covers for example, key mathematical and scientific concepts, understanding the world and expressive arts and design. We plan every half term and share this document with you via email so you can see what your child will be learning about at nursery. We will also suggest ideas to support your child with their learning at home. We have also been sending home our Friday Challenge and hope you have been having fun with them. We really encourage you to carry out these activities and to share your child's learning with us on Learning Journals.

NEW Free Childcare Offer



The Government's new offer of free childcare begins in April.

Working parents of two year olds will be entitled to 15 hours of free childcare.

From September children from 9 months can also receive 15 hours

Parents will need to apply to receive their eligibility code

For more information visit [How to apply](#)

Please speak to us if you have any questions

[Childcare Choices](#) | [30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More](#) | [Help with Costs](#) | [GOV.UK](#)

Job Opportunities

We will be advertising a number of job opportunities at BEYA. Please check your emails over the week ahead.

Good luck Eli

Eli, our teacher at St Margaret's will be starting her maternity leave and we would like to wish her all the best for the exciting times ahead.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 16 April – Primary school offer day

Tuesday 16 April – First day back for children

Wednesday 8 May – Huff & Puff

Wednesday 12 June – 'Olympic' Welcome Wednesday

Saturday 8 June – BEYA Summer Fair

Friday 4 May – Last day of term (Spring half term)

Monday 3 June – Children return after half term break



Parent Information Sessions 2024

30 minute sessions,
no need to book, just click the link and join us!

Thursday 22 February
10am – 10.30am
**The path to reading –
Why vocabulary matters**

[Click here to join](#)

Thursday 21 March
9.15am – 10.45am
Managing behaviours that challenge

This is a face-to-face session
at St Margaret's Nursery
Call 0208 449 5466 to book

Wednesday 24 April
10am – 10.30am
**Risky Play!
Why children love it and need it**

[Click here to join](#)

Wednesday 15 May
10am – 10.30am
Helping your child learn to write

[Click here to join](#)

Thursday 6 June
10am – 10.30am
**Am I ready for school?
Supporting the transition**

[Click here to join](#)

Please email kbrooker@beya.org.uk if there are any other sessions you would like us to deliver. Sessions will be recorded and added to our Parent Padlet.

BEYA Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn Term 2024	
Children return to nursery on Wednesday 4 September 2024	
Autumn 1:	2 September 2024 - 25 October 2024
Inset days:	2, 3 September 2024 (school closed to children)
Half term holiday	28 October 2024 - 1 November 2024
Autumn 2:	4 November 2024 - 20 December 2024
School holiday:	23 December 2024 - 3 January 2024
Last day of term Thursday 20 December 2024	
Spring Term 2025	
Children return to nursery on Tuesday 7 January 2025	
Spring 1:	6 January 2025 - 14 February 2025
Inset day:	6 January 2025 (school closed to children)
Half term holiday:	17 February 2025 - 21 February 2025
Spring 2:	24 February 2025 – 4 April 2025
School holiday:	7 April 2025 - 21 April 2025 (18 & 21 April Bank holiday)
Last day of term Friday 4 April 2025	
Summer Term 2025	
Children return to nursery on Wednesday 23 April 2025	
Summer 1:	22 April 2025 - 23 May 2025
Inset day:	22 April 2025 (school closed to children)
Bank holidays:	5 May 2025 and 26 May 2025
Half term holiday:	26 May 2025 - 30 May 2025
Summer 2:	2 June 2025 - 22 July 2025
Last day of term Tuesday 22 July 2025	

Holiday Provision
28 October – 1 November 2024
23, 24 December 2024
2, 3 January 2025
17 -21 February 2025
7 April – 17 April 2025
26 May - 30 May 2025
23 July – 16 August 2025