May Newsletter

Our Theme For This Month Is….



LIFECYCLES & SPRING





The children have been so interested in our Lifecycles theme last month that we are continuing on with it this month as our caterpillars are getting ready to transform into butterflies and we've discovered a newt has moved into our little wildlife pond. We've been doing lots of planting too in the garden so we are also focusing on how things grow this month.

Birthdays & Special Dates

Malakai (3) 2nd
Logan (4) 11th
Caine (3) 18th
Darragh (3) 28th

Bank Holiday 4th May (Closed)
Bank Holiday 25th May (Closed)
Half Term (for Term Time only children)
25th May – 31st May

Rainbow Yoga 14th
Robot Reg Phonics TBC
VE Day 8th
Sun Awareness Week 11th-17th
Rainbow Yoga 18th
St Peter's Teacher Visit 18th
Drama Tots 19th – Watch Me Fly
World Bee Day 20th
World Turtle Day 23rd
Elmer Day 24th
National Biscuit Day 29th





Sun Safety



With the warmer weather arriving, we will be ensuring children have sun cream applied regularly and wear a sunhat while we are outside in the garden or on walks. It would also help if sun cream were applied before arriving. We will reapply sun cream during the day and avoid outdoor time during the hottest part of the day where possible.

- If you have opted into our new fee structure, we will provide sun cream and sun hat for your child.
- If not, please send in named sun cream in your child's bag and let a member of the team know at handover so we can apply it before going outside.

If your child is wearing a vest top or strappy summer dress could you put a t-shirt in their bag so that they can pop it on when we are outside to avoid them getting burnt shoulders. We will also ensure that they drink plenty of water throughout the day.

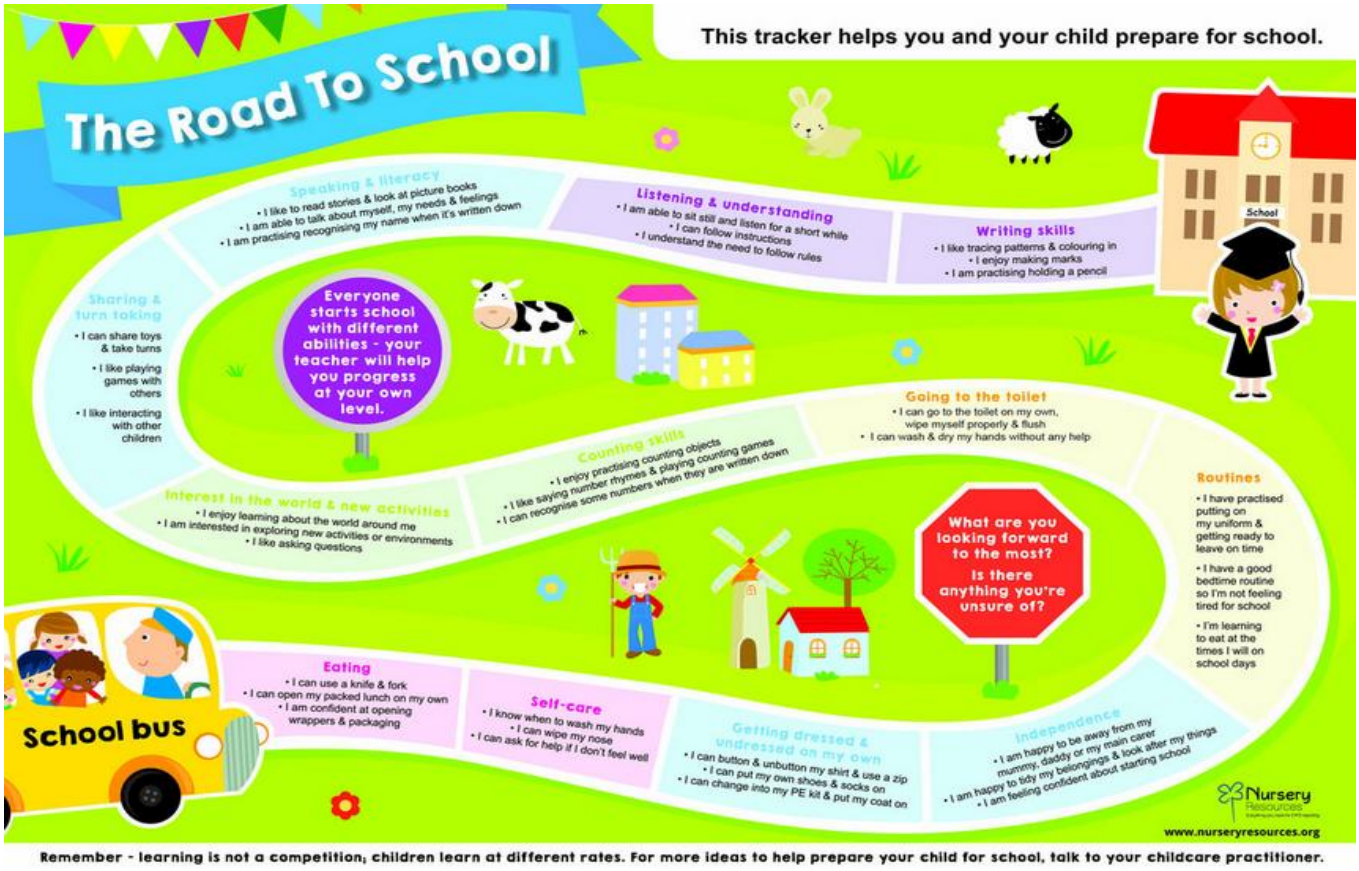
Can we also ask that they have suitable footwear for the summer to be able to run around, climb, jump in and use on bikes and scooters and if they do insist on wearing welly boots, please can they bring in shoes/sandals to wear whilst inside. Thank you

Changes In How To Contact Us……

Don't forget we have changed our phones now so please call the main Sunshine phone number **01395 875432 for urgent messages** and **for non-urgent messages please email us on info@sunshineexmouth.co.uk** We will continue to send over those photos of your child having fun at Sunshine, that we know everyone loves to receive once in a while, but we will be sending them to you via email now. The old mobile phone will now only be used as a point of contact for the Sunshine Team when out on trips away from the setting, all parent details and any apps will be cleared from it.



We have begun our transition preparation for our 2026 school leavers.
We are arranging for their Primary School teachers to come and meet them at Sunshine over the next couple of months. Andrea will let you know what days your teacher is coming in to say Hello. You should soon receive information from your child's school regarding 'meet and greet', 'storytime sessions', settling in times etc that they are arranging for you. If you have not received anything in the next few weeks, please do contact them so you don't miss out, they are a great opportunity for your child to meet the other children in their class and also for you to meet other parents and ask the teachers any questions you may have.



We're always on the lookout for children to get to share different experiences and opportunities. If you know of anyone or any group that you think would benefit the learning of our little Sunbeams please let us know so we can arrange for them to come and visit.





Mud Kitchen

If you have any old cooking pots, pans, kitchen utensils you no longer want please could we have them for our mud kitchen. Also any old out-of-date dried herbs or spices you may have lurking in your cupboards we would love as we have some very budding mini chefs at Sunshine!!



Speech & Language

Would you like any advice and support for your child's speech, language and communication skills? Visit one of our easy access drop ins with your child to see a Speech and Language Therapist. Get advice, support and strategies from the team. Drop-in sessions are now being held in different locations across Torbay, South Devon and North Devon. Exeter, East and Mid Devon. If you would like to attend a drop in, there is no need to book, simply use the link below find a location and time that works for you.

Speech, language and communication Easy access drop in sessions - Children and Family Health Devon

- **5 May 2026:** Exeter Central Library: **9.30am – 11.30am**
- **7 May 2026:** Exeter Central Library: **9.30am – 11.30am**
- **13 May 2026:** Honiton Library: **9.30am – 11.30am**
- **14 May 2026:** Exmouth Library: **9.30am – 11.30am**
- **21 May 2026:** Exeter Central Library: **9.30am – 11.30am**
- **27 May 2026:** Honiton Library: **9.30am – 11.30am**
- **28 May 2026:** Exmouth Library: **9.30am – 11.30am**

New Fee's Structure

Our new payment structure has been welcomed by the majority of parents, and EVERYONE will transition over to it from 1st September 2026. Hopefully this is a lot clearer for parents to choose what they would like daily for their child during their time with us at Sunshine. By us providing everything you don't have to worry, but you also have the option to opt out and provide it yourself for your child. Please speak to Andrea if you would like to discuss or change to the new payment structure, so that your booking can be updated.

Additional Hourly Rate: £8.32 p/h

Breakfast (served til 8.30am) £2.00,
Morning Snack £1.25,
Cooked Lunch (2 course) £3.50,
Afternoon Snack £1.25,
Light Tea (served at 4pm) £2.00,

Consumables Daily Charge
(Nappies, wipes, cream, tissues, suncream, spare clothes)
Under 3's £2.50 per day
Over 3's £1.00 per day

Voluntary Daily Contribution for Curriculum Enrichment such as yoga, phonics, animal encounters, trips, seasonal & cultural celebrations
£1.00 per day

SAVE THE DATE …… We will be holding our joint School Leavers Party with Little Bells school leavers on FRIDAY 17TH JULY 5.30pm-7.00pm at Sunshine. Details to follow.