



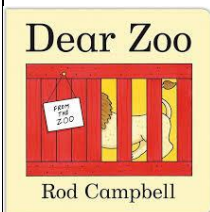
# Cashmore Early Years Centre

## Newsletter September 2024



A very warm welcome to all children returning to nursery and to the children starting nursery for the first time! This term our priority is to help children to get to know their Key People and other children. Staff are helping the children to find what they need to be busy and happy.

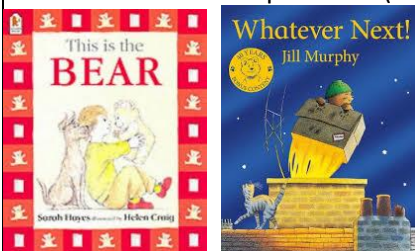
### Hippo and Giraffe Groups (2 year olds)



The children are exploring the continuous provision (our toys and objects) and understanding it is always available. At group times, we are exploring construction and mark making. Our feature story is *Dear Zoo* using props. For our songs we are singing familiar nursery rhymes and songs, for example [Twinkle, Twinkle](#), [Down in the Jungle](#) and [The Wheels on the Bus](#) (again, using props). Click on the blue links to see a video of these songs.

### Zebra and Tiger Groups (3 year olds)

The children are settling in and learning the name of their group and the names of the other children. For group times we are using basket activities such as construction and maths to give them opportunities to explore things that are in our continuous provision (our toys and objects). Our feature books are *This is the Bear* and *Whatever Next!*



The children are making song choices by choosing from props, picture cards and spoons. At the moment, the children are enjoying joining in with [Five Little Men in a Flying Saucer](#). Click on the blue link to see a video of this song!

### Prompt pick up

**Please remember that the morning session finishes at 12.00pm (gates open at 11.50am).** Staff have lunch 12.00-12.30pm to ensure they are ready and available for all the children during the afternoon session. **The afternoon session finishes at 3.30pm (gates open at 3.20pm).** We open the gate 10 minutes beforehand to allow time to talk with you at handover/collection.

### Snack donation

Thank you to the parents who continue to donate to the children's snack time. The school provides milk but we rely on donations from parents for snack times during the morning and afternoon sessions. The children eat **fresh fruit** (e.g. apples, bananas, oranges, pears) or **vegetables** (e.g. carrots, cucumbers). We would be grateful if you could **donate fruit weekly OR you can make a small money donation** in the tin provided in the garden/Reception at drop-off times.



### Parking

Please **DO NOT BLOCK THE ROAD OR OTHER VEHICLES IN** (even for a short period of time) when dropping off/picking up.

### Application for primary school

Please remember that the deadline for applying for a Reception Class place for your child is 15 January 2025 (if your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021). The online application system is now open ([www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)) – see poster attached below. If you require any help with this, please ask.

### Family photo boards



We have a family photo display of the children in our setting to help with their sense of belonging and community. Please could you give us some photos of your child with their family which you are happy to have displayed in school (no more than 3). If you do not have access to a printer, you are very welcome to email photos to us ([clare.morton@stpmns.co.uk](mailto:clare.morton@stpmns.co.uk)).

### Clothes and wellies

As the weather is getting colder, children will need appropriate clothing and footwear. We go into the garden in all weathers! Please could you provide your child with a **pair of wellies** if possible. Please also put lots of **spare clothes** in their bag in case of getting wet/toileting accidents and a **coat** as the weather is changeable. Please **write your child's name in their clothes/wellies**. Wet weather gear and 'all weather' suits are also a very good way to keep children dry and can be purchased quite reasonably.



### Nursery clothes

If your child comes home in **nursery clothes**, please return them as soon as possible.

## Donations

We would appreciate donations of **pants** and **socks**!



## Toilet training

If your child is toilet training, please put **wet wipes in their bag** and lots of **spare clothes** (including **socks**).

## Surplus food from Marks & Spencer

Marks & Spencer kindly give us surplus food which would otherwise go to waste. Anything we can't use for snack time is put outside on Fridays for parents/carers to take. Please help yourself to save food waste.

## Reception library

In Reception **we have books which you can borrow** and return when you have read them with your child. Reading with your child is great for their listening and attention skills, language development, brain development and a lovely bonding time for you and your child. Please come to choose a book!



## INSET Days

The School will be closed on the following days for staff training:

**Monday 4 November**

**Friday 20 December**

### Important Dates

Half term holiday – School **CLOSED** – **Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November (inclusive)**

INSET Day – School **CLOSED** – **Monday 4 November**

**Return to School – Tuesday 5 November**

INSET Day – School **CLOSED** – **Friday 20 December**

Christmas holidays – School **CLOSED** – **Monday 23 December to Friday 3 January (inclusive)**

**Return to School – Monday 6 January**

Full details of all Bristol City Council term dates until Jul 2026 can be accessed [HERE](#)

At Cashmore Early Years Centre we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. This is our safeguarding team:



**Charlotte Carter**  
**Headteacher**  
**Designated Safeguarding Lead**



**Clare Morton**  
**Deputy Headteacher**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**



**Sharon Cutler**  
**School Business Manager**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**



**Emmeline James**  
**Inclusion Lead**  
**Deputy Safeguarding Lead**



**Heidi Taylor**  
**Governor**  
**Named Safeguarding Governor**



## Packed Lunches



If your child is bringing a packed lunch to nursery school please remember the following points:

- Clearly label your child's packed lunch box with their name and key group on the outside of the box.
  - Remember that many pre-packaged items are adult portion sizes.
    - A child portion size is the size of their fist. A child may only need a half a sandwich - made from one slice of bread. A bag of crisps is an adult portion.
    - Beware hidden sugar. The NHS advice is children should have less than 19g a day for children aged 4 to 6 years old (5 sugar cubes or 5 teaspoons. A single miniature pot of yoghurt may have up 3-4 teaspoons of sugar.
    - Sweets and chocolate are not permitted because they contain unhealthy amounts of sugar.
    - Always include some fruit or fresh vegetables but remember that small tomatoes and grapes are a very common cause of choking in children, and should be cut in half **lengthways**.
  - Please do NOT include a drink in your packed lunch. The school provides water for all children (freely available all day). Current dental advice is that children aged 3 to 4 should not drink anything except water from a bottle. Fruit juices or squashes are highly acidic and high in sugar, and so cause serious damage to young teeth.
  - Please remember some children have allergies, we therefore request that you **do not** include nuts or nut products, such as Nutella, in your child's lunch box.
  - Please do not include cans or glass bottles/jars in your child's lunch box.
- If you have any queries about packed lunches or any issues relating to food at school or at home please talk to your child's key person and they will be very happy to help you or introduce you to another team member who can help.

**Thank you for your help.**

## St Philip's Marsh/Cashmore join the My School Fund initiative to help boost our budget

We're pleased to announce that St Philip's Marsh Nursery School/Cashmore Early Years Centre is part the My School Fund initiative. This innovative scheme allows for us to be able to boost our school's budget with your help.

### How does it work?

Parents, guardians and carers can sign up to the scheme for free and start earning cashback on the things they buy in participating retail stores, including Sainsbury's and Argos. As you spend you'll receive 2% cashback in the form of eGift vouchers that can be redeemed in participating stores. By linking your spend to our school on the My School Fund website we'll also earn 1% cashback on your spend.

Add that all up across our school's network of families and together we can all make a big difference!

### How to get involved

Visit [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org) to register for free and link to St Philip's Marsh Nursery School BS2 0SU. From there, everything you spend in participating stores will go towards helping boost our budget, plus your own!

Sign up today at [myschoolfund.org](https://myschoolfund.org)

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**We're part of My School Fund**

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# Bristol Parenting Groups

- Are you pregnant or a parent of a 0 - 8 year old?
- Would you like to add ideas and skills to your parenting toolbox?
- Would you like to develop more confidence in your parenting?
- Would you like to understand your child better?

**Free**  
groups for  
adults run  
by Bristol  
Children's  
Centres

**Your parenting  
toolbox:**



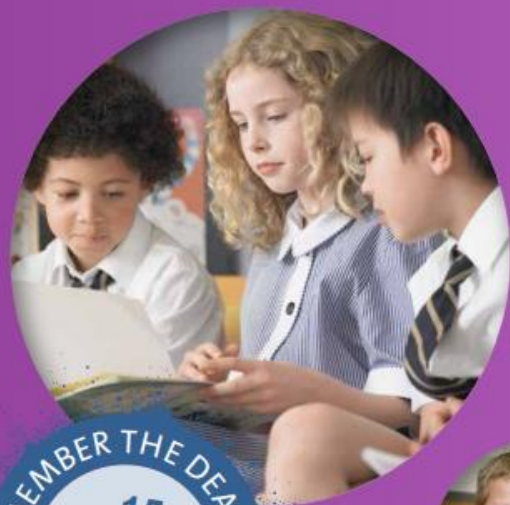
For more information please call: **07721 311 497**  
or email: **pssso@bristol.gov.uk**

Once you have registered your interest via:  
**[www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups](http://www.bit.ly/BristolParentingGroups)** we will be in touch to find  
the best group option for you.



# A guide for **parents and carers** on applying for a **primary school** place for the school year **2025–2026**

If your child was born between 1 September **2020** and 31 August **2021**  
you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January **2025**



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## What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

- Check the guidance on applying for schools – available at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or by contacting School Admissions. The guidance contains details on how & when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community schools the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.
- Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. Contact the school directly for further details on open days.
- Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
- You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
- Make sure you apply on-time. The deadline is 15 January 2025.

### School Admissions (CH)

Bristol City Council  
PO Box 3399, Bristol, BS1 9NE

[www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

e [school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk)

t 0117 903 7694



## Why apply online?

- The system helps you by checking for errors.
- There is no risk that your application will be lost in the post.
- It is quick and easy to do.
- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
- You will receive an email notification of the outcome of your application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.
- The system is available 24 hours a day until the final submission time of midnight on 15 January 2025.

Apply online [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)