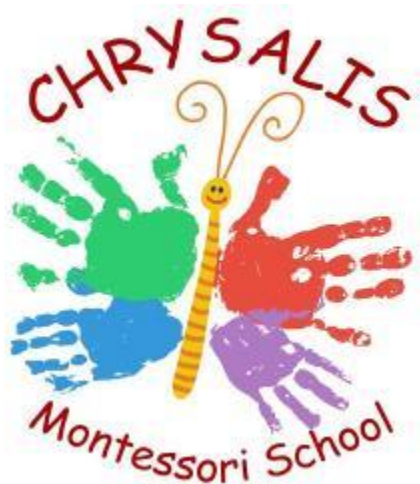




Chrysalis Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to the Autumn Term at Chrysalis!



Hello to friends old and new! We hope that you've all had an amazing summer, and are ready for a fun-filled Autumn Term.

We'd like to offer a warm welcome to those of you who are new to Chrysalis this term - we hope you like our newsletter.



We hope you all received a little surprise in the post and have been busy preparing your 'All About Me' caterpillars to share with everyone in the first few weeks of term.

We are so looking forward to getting to know you all a little bit better!

Firstly, I must take this opportunity to once again thank everyone for the wonderful gifts and cards at the end of last term.

It's always a very emotional time as our school leavers move on to pastures new. We are incredibly proud of our Class of 2026 and hope to hear about how they are settling into reception at their chosen schools.

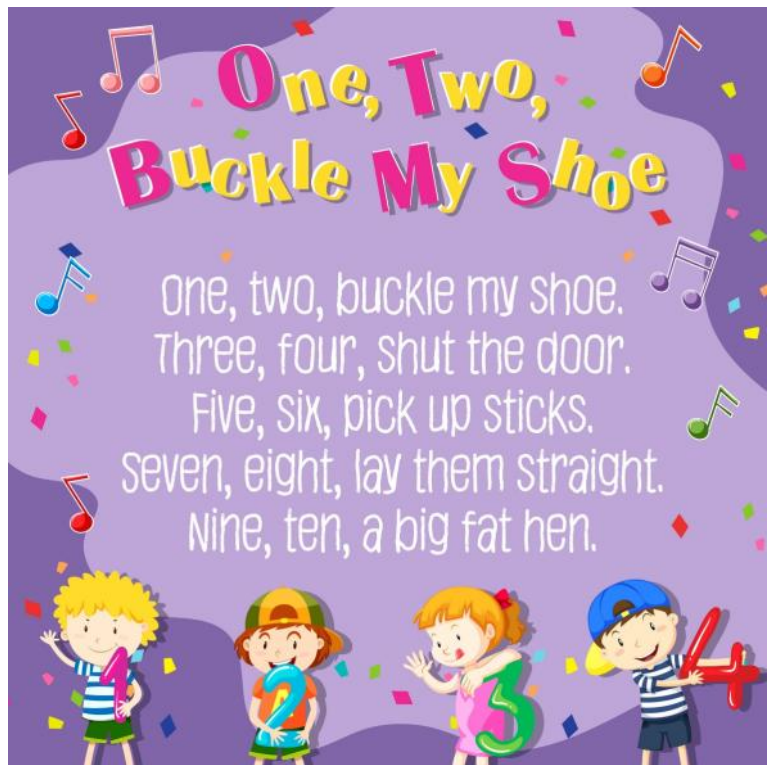
Our Autumn term project will be 'Number, shape, colour and pattern'.



When we help children to start noticing and identifying patterns we talk about shapes, colours and numbers to make connections. Patterns help children make predictions because they begin to understand what comes next.

They also help children learn how to make logical connections and use reasoning skills. Patterns can be found everywhere in our daily lives and at Chrysalis we take every opportunity to point these out to our children.

When setting up our nursery environment we carefully select images, photographs and books for children to access to support their learning in these areas which form a basis to early mathematical learning. Counting songs are always popular and are a fun way for the children to improve their number recognition.



Numeracy and everything that encapsulates early years mathematics is everywhere within the nursery; throughout our provision, in the outdoor area and whilst exploring the natural local area when on walks outside of the setting.



The children have access to a wide range of materials supporting this, such as building blocks and other construction resources, small parts such as mosaic tiles and sorting cups, and a wide range of art resources.



Using these materials, we help the children to identify the numbers, colours, shapes and patterns that surround them.

Our Montessori resources are extremely beneficial in supporting these areas of learning, helping our children to develop self-confidence as they start to understand more about their world.



Our House of Maths workshop this term will also complement our project nicely. These funny, practical workshops get our little ones thinking that maths is great fun! Just what we want to encourage number and pattern recognition, counting and shapes, giving a fabulous foundation before starting formal maths classes at school.



If you'd like some further information about this project and how it helps your child to develop, please follow the link to our website below...

[Link: Spring Term Project](#)

This term we will also be talking about **Autumn** and seasonal changes, and we'll be holding our annual **'Pumpkin Week'**.

The children love taking part in lots of pumpkin-related activities to celebrate **Harvest Time** and the less scary aspects of **Halloween** when they can take part in dress up if they wish to.



Diwali – Learning about Diwali with young children is a great way of recognising different beliefs and cultural practices.

This beautiful celebration celebrated by Sikhs and Hindus all over the world is all about family, hope, love, and new beginnings, making it a wonderful time of year to share with young children.

At nursery, Diwali offers a joyful way to explore light, colour, and kindness. Whether through storytelling, creativity, or sensory play, there are so many ways to make the magic of Diwali come alive for little ones.



In November we talk about the excitement of **Fireworks Night** with the children. This is such a good opportunity to teach them about firework safety and also for them to take part in some fabulous creative and sensory activities.



And the latter part of the term will be taken over with **Christmas** activities!



This will include our annual Christmas carol concert when the children sing for their parents, and a Christmas party with a visit and gift from Father Christmas himself.



We will be sending you information about our planned Christmas events nearer to the time, please let us know in good time if you prefer your child not to take part.

This term we will arrange for **Concept Photography** to come into nursery to take individual portrait photographs of the children, which can make really great Christmas gift ideas.

Concept are specialist nursery photographers and produce some really great shots, with no obligation to purchase. We'll send out more information about this closer to the time.

<https://www.conceptphotography ltd.co.uk/>



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A reminder about **allergies and lunch boxes...**

To avoid transfer of allergens to susceptible people in nursery, please avoid including the following items in your child's lunch box:

- Nuts and food items containing nuts such as Nutella spread, peanut butter and some cereal bars
- Coconut and food items containing coconut such as some cereal bars and yogurts
- Pine nuts and food items containing pine nuts such as pesto sauce and some pre-prepared pastas and salads



A reminder about **messy play** at Chrysalis...

A session at nursery can involve working with some very messy substances, such as paint, glue, sand and mud. Whilst we make every effort to protect clothing with aprons and waterproofs, please send your child to school in clothes that you don't mind them getting messy in.

At Chrysalis we strongly believe that the marks on your child's clothes, the pockets filled with sand and the paint in their hair are the indicators of future architects, artists and scientists in training!



Some other important reminders...

Contacting Chrysalis

If you need to contact us before a session with important information (for instance at a weekend) please email chrysalis@montessorinurseries.co.uk as this email is always checked by the first person to arrive on site in the mornings.

If someone different (not named on your registration form as a designated collector of your child) needs to collect your child, please inform us of their name, a brief description and give us an agreed password which they can use in order for us to release your child to them. Please also make anyone new picking up aware that they will be unable to use the Hayeswood Car Park to do so (see information below).

Please be reminded that our **new fee rates from the Autumn Term 2026** will be:

£8.25 per hour, for all unfunded hours
Additional service charges on all funded hours will be £2.10/hr

We'll email parents a link to the Autumn Term price lists when bills go out at the start of term.

Arriving at nursery

Please make sure that when arriving at nursery you use the doorbell (on the post next to the blue gate) to alert us to your presence and allow us to permit your entrance and to come and greet you and your child accordingly. Please refrain from letting yourself into the nursery grounds yourself. Thank you for helping us with this very important safeguarding matter!

Parking or dropping off from vehicles is STRICTLY PROHIBITED in Hayeswood School car park. Please ensure that everyone who drops off or collects your child is aware of this regulation, which is for the safety of all our children and must be adhered to regardless of the weather.



Sun hats and sun cream

We can still experience some quite warm weather when we return in September so need to remind all parents to ensure children attend nursery with an appropriate, NAMED, sun hat.

This summer we will be using **Asda's Protect Kids Sensitive Formula SPF50+ Sun lotion** at Chrysalis. This sun lotion has the highest 5-star UVA rating and has been dermatologically tested and developed for children's delicate and sensitive skin.

If you wish for us NOT to use this cream on your child please provide a NAMED bottle of your preferred sun-cream that can **remain on site at ALL times**.

Label, label, label!!!

Please can we be mindful of the size and contents of bags brought into nursery. We have everything that your child might need for a session in nursery.

Please can you NAME all items such as water bottles, lunchboxes and jackets/cardigans/coats as these can get easily lost and mixed up.

Parent funding forms

Please be certain that you've returned your Parent Funding Form in order that we can claim Early Years funding if your child is eligible this term. Your completed form must be back to us by **3rd September at the latest**. Please email it back to us in the original Word format. If you're not certain how to complete Section 4 (hours and weeks) please leave it blank for us to complete for you.

Please do inform us if your child has taken any medication or sustained any injury prior to a session with us. You will be asked to fill out a quick form at drop off. However, for your ease, these forms can also be downloaded and printed out from our website to complete at home and bring into nursery with you.

[Link: Forms](#)

And finally.....

We are always happy to arrange a convenient time to discuss anything about your child's development and wellbeing. We also try as much as we can to pass on information on a daily basis through face-to-face contact, Tapestry and Facebook posts, noticeboards and Mail-chimps.

Children return to nursery from **Tuesday 1st September** (Monday 31st August is a bank holiday).

We're looking forward to seeing you all, ready for some fun Autumnal play and learning!

Kind regards

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