



A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY MANAGEMENT TEAM

🌸 March at Millwood House: A Month of Celebration and Community

March is bursting with colour, creativity, and connection here at Millwood House!

From the vibrant festival of Holi to the joy of World Book Day, our much-loved Mother's Day Breakfast, the cheer of St Patrick's Day, and our Annual Bake Off and Easter Party — there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We're once again inviting entries for our Easter Bake Off from children, parents, and staff. With rosettes and prizes to be won, who will be crowned Millwood House Master Chef 2026?

Following the prize giving, we'll hold a bake sale with all proceeds going to the Florence Nightingale Hospice in Stoke Mandeville — a charity close to one of our parents' hearts. Let's make her proud and support this fantastic cause together.

March is shaping up to be one of our busiest and most joyful months yet! Before we dive into everything ahead, February brought its own wonderful celebrations — the children had great fun welcoming **Chinese New Year**, both at the nursery and during our visit to the Signature Care Home, followed by **Pancake Day**, where the children enjoyed a live cooking demonstration and created their own happy-face pancakes... YUM!





A LOOK BACK AT LAST MONTH

February was a month of sensory exploration and kindness across all rooms:

Ladybirds dove into their *Under the Sea* topic, enjoying water play, foam soap, and slime as they explored different fish through sensory activities.

Caterpillars also explored sea life, rescuing sea creatures from oobleck and crafting octopuses from decorated paper plates — a perfect opportunity to practise counting as they added ribbon legs.

Butterflies focused on learning about themselves — their likes, dislikes, and unique personalities. They also embraced *World Kindness Day* by drawing pictures for a friend chosen from a hat, then posting them on a walk so each child received a surprise from the postman. What a beautiful way to spread joy!







WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE LADYBIRD ROOM



The Ladybirds are heading ***On the Farm*** this month, exploring all the wonderful animals you might find there.

They'll be learning the animals' names, the sounds they make, and enjoying lots of hands on sensory play — from pigs in mud to animals hiding in the hay. We'll also be singing *Old McDonald Had a Farm* throughout the month, giving the children plenty of opportunities to join in with actions and animal noises.

The Ladybirds will also be taking part in **Bucks Communication Week**, where they'll be sharing the story *5 Enormous Dinosaurs*. Throughout the week, the children will explore a range of linked activities designed to support early communication, language, and listening skills.

The ladybird book of the month will be: "**5 Enormous Dinosaurs**" by Annie Kuber and Sarah Dellow





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE CATERPILLAR ROOM

EMOTIONS



HAPPY



SAD



TIRED



SCARED



ANGRY



NERVOUS



SHY



EXCITED



BORED



SILLY



WORRIED



SICK

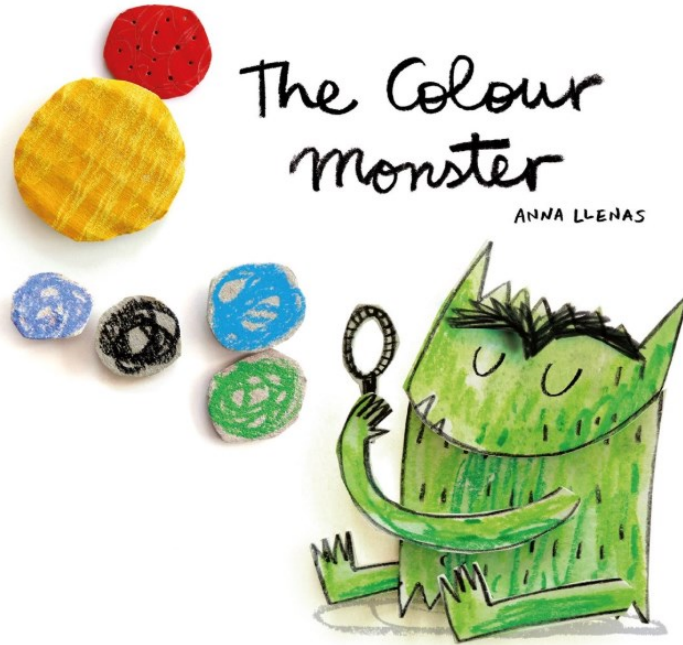
The Caterpillars will be exploring the theme **All About Me** throughout March, focusing on feelings, emotions, and what makes each of us unique. The children will be talking about how they feel and why, helping them build early emotional awareness and confidence in expressing themselves.

They'll be creating their very own emotion monsters, mixing up emotion potions, and taking part in activities that help them recognise and name different feelings. As part of the topic, the Caterpillars will also be looking closely at their features — noticing how we are all different, all special, and all important.

13th March Caterpillars will enjoy world sleep day, they can bring their pyjamas in to wear after Mother's Day Breakfast

20th March is world oral health day, we will talk about the importance of keeping our teeth clean and healthy

The Caterpillars book of the month will be: "**The Colour Monster**" by Anna Llenas



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH IN THE BUTTERFLY ROOM



The Butterflies will be diving into the fascinating world of **life cycles** this month. The children will be learning how living things grow and change, exploring the different stages from **caterpillar to butterfly**, **egg to chicken**, and **frogspawn to frog**. Through hands on activities and real observations, they'll begin to understand how each stage plays an important part in the cycle of life.

The children will also be getting involved in **growing and planting**, giving them the chance to care for living things and watch them develop over time. Alongside this, they'll be talking about how the **weather and seasons** affect these changes, helping them make connections between the world around them and the natural processes they see unfolding.

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2nd-6th March the Butterflies will be involved in **Bucks Communication week**

The Butterflies book of the month will be: "Usborne; How Things Grow"



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

March is full of rich learning across all rooms, and there are lots of simple, fun ways you can continue this learning at home.

Ladybirds – *On the Farm & Communication Week*

Animal sounds and naming — Look at picture books or sing songs like *Old McDonald Had a Farm* together. Pause to let your child make the animal noise or choose the next animal.

Sensory play — Create small trays with dry pasta “hay”, shredded paper, or toy animals in soapy bubbles. This helps build language as you talk about what you see and feel.

Story sharing — During Bucks Communication Week, the Ladybirds will be reading *5 Enormous Dinosaurs*. You can support this by counting dinosaurs at home, making dinosaur footprints in playdough, or acting out the story with toys.

Caterpillars – All About Me

Talking about feelings — Use simple language like “happy”, “sad”, “angry”, “excited”. You can model this by naming your own feelings throughout the day.

Emotion monsters — Draw or make simple monsters together and talk about what feeling each one shows.

Emotion potions — Use coloured water, pompoms, or buttons to create “potions” for different feelings. This helps children link colours, emotions, and language.

Celebrating uniqueness — Look in the mirror together and talk about features (“You have curly hair”, “I have freckles”). This supports confidence and self-identity.

Butterflies – Life Cycles

Growing and planting — Plant cress, beans, or flowers together and check them daily. Talk about what plants need to grow and how they change.

Life cycle books and videos — Share simple stories about caterpillars, chicks, or frogs. Encourage your child to retell what happens first, next, and last.

Weather watching — Look outside each day and talk about how the weather feels and how it might affect plants, animals, and growth.

Real world noticing — Spot signs of spring on walks: buds, birds, puddles, worms, or blossom. These small observations help children connect their learning to the world around them.

FESTIVALS THE CHILDREN WILL CELEBRATE

Wednesday 4th March we will celebrate Holi; children can come dressed in colourful clothes

Thursday 5th March is world book day; children can come dressed as their favourite book character

Monday 16th March we will celebrate Eid; children can dress in party clothes

Tuesday 17th March we will celebrate St Patricks Day; children can dress in green

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th March we will hold Mother's Day breakfast

Tuesday 31st March is our annual Bake-Off and Easter Party in aid of the Florence Nightingale Hospice at Stoke Mandeville Hospital

Friday 19th June we will have Father's Day breakfast

Wednesday 24th June is Sports Day

Tuesday 28th July is our Graduation and Summer Party

☆ WE NEED YOUR STAR POWER! ☆ SHARE YOUR MILLWOOD HOUSE EXPERIENCE

We absolutely love being part of your child's journey, watching them learn, grow, and thrive here every day.

We believe in continuous improvement, and the best way we can ensure we're providing outstanding care is by hearing directly from you!

Why Your Feedback Matters

Your reviews on Google are incredibly important! They help us:

Celebrate the hard work and dedication of our brilliant staff (especially those in the Caterpillar and Butterfly Rooms!).

Guide other local families who are looking for the perfect nursery.

Improve our service and facilities.

Tell Us What You Think!

It only takes two minutes to make a huge difference.

Please consider sharing your honest feedback about:

The warmth and professionalism of our staff.

The progress in your child's development (confidence, communication, etc.).

Our amazing outdoor space and activities.



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We have had some lovely reviews left for us on [The Day Nurseries website](#), please feel free to leave a [review](#) and also on [google](#). You can ask member of staff for a form or use the QR code link that can be found on the outdoor notice boards

In addition we would encourage your review and positive comments on our [google](#) business page.



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