



## Ilminster Avenue Nursery School

*“Igniting Children’s Passions Through Play”*

June Newsletter 2026– Term 6

### Welcome to Term 6!

As ever, the year has sped away from us! Despite it all going in a flash, we truly love to watch your children grow and develop across the year. Although we know they will achieve great things, we are still always totally amazed at their amazing skills as they reach this end of the year. It has been particularly wonderful to see the development of woodwork this year. Not only has it provided the opportunity for children to learn new skills using real tools, they have also been able to express their imaginations in a new way. We will be sharing the fantastic photos from last term on our website, as the children “Make a Model”. We hope to continue to provide the children with opportunities to develop these skills during this final term.

There is more fun, and learning planned for this last term, including a visit from “Twinies Alpaca” on Wednesday 15th July. The company will be bringing lots of farm animals to Nursery for the children to meet! We are all really excited!

**Mandy, Acting Head teacher**

### Back to basics

As part of our Curriculum, we work with the children to develop key skills that children need to become independent and successful in school. These skills will be essential as they move to Primary school. If you have children moving up in September, keep supporting them to practise over the summer holidays. These skills included:

- Putting on their shoes and doing up the fasteners.
- Putting on their own coat and doing up the zip/buttons.
- Opening packages and food boxes by themselves.
- Using the toilet and managing clothes by themselves.
- Sticking with a problem until they find a solution.
- Tidying away their own things.
- Solving everyday disagreements/sharing with peers and siblings.

There are lots of steps along the way to achieve these outcomes and children will all achieve them in their own time. Celebrate every step towards success and give children the time to try, struggle and succeed. Lots of practice, praise and planning will help each child succeed!

### Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our board of Governors. This is a really important role. As a Parent Governor you will be able to share your experience of the school from a Parents point of view and work with the board to improve things further. We meet once each term in person at school from 4-6pm. There is also the opportunity to attend via online. If you have a child who is returning to us in September or a younger one starting with us and are interested in this role, please ask at the office.

### Family Link

Transitioning your child to school is an exciting next step but can also cause worry. If you or your child are experiencing anxiety about their move, please come and find Lucy. Lucy can support you with listening to your concerns and offering great advice on ways to support your child, or you, with this move to school. There are also lots of books you can share with your child to help. Please ask if you are interested.



### Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: INSET day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Parent engagement and Summer Fayre

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Parent event for children with additional needs

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Twinnies Alpaca visit.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July: LAST DAY OF TERM

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>: Stay and Play sessions for new children



*"The beautiful thing about Learning is that no-one can take it away" BB King*

### Term 6 Curriculum

**This term our Curriculum focus is "Contribute to a Musical Performance".** The children will be learning all the skills to be able to join in with our year end concert!

**Personal, Social and Emotional Development:** children will be developing their resilience and building up sustained engagement with an activity. They will explore setting themselves a goal and following it through and using these skills to help in their performance.

**Language Development:** Children will be encouraged to share their own ideas and talk about their thoughts. We will be encouraging children to have the confidence to ask questions as part of conversation. We want them to use their confidence to help them to take part in the performance.

**Physical Development:** We want children to begin to make controlled marks in their drawing and writing this term, as well as develop their scissor skills. We will also be encouraging children to solve their own problems e.g. asking a friend to help them with a tricky job such as moving a heavy tyre etc.

**Maths:** Children will be encouraged to solve everyday number problems e.g. how to share out resources with friends. They will continue to build up their subitising skills, using 5-frames.

**Literacy:** We will be supporting children to recognise some familiar letters and words, including their names. We want them to use familiar ideas to re tell stories and perform them. We will be encouraging children to make marks and letters to represent their names. We will be sharing books with longer texts with the children.

**Expressive Art and Design:** We will be working with xylophones and chime bars to make our own music. We may even explore the skills of "conducting" music and songs.

**Understanding of the World:** We will be exploring how things work, exploring life cycles and we will be thinking about the wider world, especially when we are looking forward to our holidays!

We are looking forward to putting all of our skills together to bring you Ilminster Avenue Nursery School's end of year concert! Straight after the concert, you are also invited to our small summer Fayre....everything is 50P.

We have leaflets in the entrance that tell you all about our curriculum and ideas for helping at home. We also have leaflets about "Risky play", "Play Dough", "Messy Play" and "Open Ended play". They are great for easy ideas over the long summer holidays. Please come and help yourselves.

### Donations Welcomed!

We would love empty containers that we can make out own musical instruments from. Please save any clean packets, boxes, empty plastic bottles for us. Bring them to the office or pass to your child's room leader. Thank you!

