




# Grace Neighbourhood Nursery



**April 2025  
Summer Term**

## Dates for your Diary

### Holiday

- ☺ Summer term start date—22/04/25
- ☺ 05/05/25 and 26/05/25 Bank Holiday, Nursery closed to all.
- ☺ 26/05/25—30/05/25 Half Term for Term time only children.
- ☺ 02/06/25 Training day nursery closed.
- ☺ Male week commencing 09/06/25
- ☺ Little Urchins Photographer 19/06/25
- ☺ Graduation—3rd and 8th July 2025.
- ☺ Leavers trip—15/07/25
- ☺ Leavers Party—17/07/25
- ☺ End of Term Tuesday 22nd July Term Time only children and training day.

Welcome back and hope you all had a great Easter holiday. We would like to welcome all the new children and their families to the Nursery.

For the first half term, (6 weeks) the children will learn about **People who help us**. The children will make junk models of fire engines, police cars and ambulances. We will be asking police, firefighters, doctors nurses and teachers to come and talk to the children about staying safe and being healthy. We would also like Carers/Parents to come in and talk to the children about their jobs.

During the second part of the term, Children will learn about how we **travel** on holidays; the journeys we make on foot, type of transport, where we can visit by road, water and air. They will be able to use their imagination to build types of transport, bus garage, train station or airport with Lego and make junk models of cars, trains, boats and airplanes. Children will be able to say where they will like to go and how to get there. Parents can send us photos of their children on days out at the park, on a train, bus, walking or on holiday to display in the nursery. Children will read stories like *Spot goes on holiday* by Eric Hill, *You can't take an Elephant on Holiday* by Patricia Cleveland Peak & David Tazzyman and *Alfie on Holiday* by Shirley Hughes.

To consolidate their learning, you can talk to your children about different types of transport on the way to Nursery or going out, Visit train stations, show them train tickets, passports for travel, talk about Sun Safety, role play different helpers in the Community and read some of the books listed above with your children.

**Forest School for some Preschool children will start week commencing 19th of May 2025; we will let you know nearer the time your child's session and what you need to bring.**

### School Readiness.

There has been a lot of debate on what 'School readiness' actually means in the press.

To help parents/ carers and children, Kindred Squared along with nursery groups, organisations and charities concerned with education, have come together to define, for the first time, what they believe being ready to start Reception actually means. All the information and recommendations for parents, carers and families are available on the new [Starting Reception website](https://startingreception.co.uk).

The website has a list of skills to practice before starting Reception; practicing this skills in nursery and at home will make your child's journey to reception as positive as possible. The website also has details on what you can do if you have concerns about your children, resources for families with additional needs and links for activities, information and guidance to help you practise these skills at home. For more information on how to help your child get ready for reception, and for information on supporting children with additional needs, visit

<https://startingreception.co.uk>

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# Other information

## Parents Meetings and Training Day

Our next Parent's meeting is the week commencing 26th May & 2nd of June 2025. This meeting can take place over the phone or face to face. It is important you attend so you can discuss your child/ren's progress with the Key Person. Don't forget to book a slot from 10am during nursery hours. It will be beneficial to check your Child's journal before the day.

**The Nursery will be closed on the 2nd of June and 22nd of July 2025. We will advise you on how this will affect your Child/children's sessions.**

## Tapestry

Your Child(ren's) learning journal is on Tapestry, we hope you have successfully logged in to view observations, you can also use it to write your own observations and upload any evidence of development. If you have no access to the online system because you don't have a smart phone, computer or tablet we will provide you with a paper assessment.

## Leavers trip and Graduation



We are planning a leavers trip on Wednesday 15th July 2025 for the children starting Reception in September 2025. We will let you know where the Children will be going. We will need some Parent Volunteers for the trip.

Graduations will take place on the 3rd and 8th of July 2025 at 10am for children going to Reception with formal invites to follow. The ceremony will not be more than 1.5 hours if you have to book time off to attend.

Let us know in advance what dates you prefer as we all celebrate your child/ren's achievement. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

## Reception Admissions



If you applied for a Reception place for your Child, you would have received the outcome from the Council by email or letter. Once you have accepted the offer, inform Karen on 0208 310 0040 so we can arrange a smooth transition for your Child/ren to their new School. You can email [kstephens@gracenursery.co.uk](mailto:kstephens@gracenursery.co.uk).

Deadline for accepting the offer is on **30/04/25** in the Royal Borough of Greenwich and appeal hearings will be in June/ July 2025.

## 30 hours Eligibility

All Parents who qualify for the government funded 30 hours for working Parents/Carers (for child/ren who turned 9 months, 2 years or 3 years before 31 August 2025) should have confirmed on the Childcare choices website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) by the 29th of July 2025 to get your 11 digit eligibility code (starts with 5000 or 11) for next term September 2025. You should have given us your eligibility code for verification to the local authority and sign a Parental Declaration and agreement not later than 31st July 2025. **For others who are already on the scheme, you will need to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months and give us the eligibility code again for verification.** You can also contact HMRC on 0300 123 4097 if you have any problems with getting a code.

You can also use the Childcare choice website to also apply for Tax - free Childcare.

## Male Week

### Week Commencing 9th June 2025

Calling all Dads, Grandpa's Uncles and Big brothers!!! We are celebrating Male week from the week commencing 09/06/25. You can come in and read a story in any language, sing a song, PE or keep fit for a couple of minutes, teach Children how to count in your language, play musical instruments, talk about your job or any other suggestions that will benefit the children. Please speak to a member of staff to get involved or email [info@gracenursery.co.uk](mailto:info@gracenursery.co.uk)

**Happy Father's Day to all Fathers on 15th of June 2025.**



**Sun cream** It is that time of the year again when we need to protect our skin from UVA and UVB rays of the sun. Apply sun cream on your child and you can label the cream so we keep one in the Nursery. Your children can wear light long sleeve clothing and a hat to protect them from the sun's rays.

## Local Offer

Local offer is an information resource for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities, their parents/carers or professionals. The Local Offer provides help and guidance with services such as speech & Language, Inclusion Funding, disability Living Allowance, Sensory Service and lots more. Visit Greenwich council website & enter Local Offer for more information.

You can also speak to Funmi or Ayan for more information.