**Rattray Early Childhood Centre
 Newsletter**

**May/June 2025**

A warm welcome to our centre is extended to our four new nursery children and their families this term- Rowan Kippen, Lily Bruce, Vadym Aftanaziv, and Louie Karczewski. We look forward to playing and learning with you.

**Useful information:**

\*Rattray Early Childhood Centre telephone number is 01250 871981. Please use this telephone number to inform staff of nursery children’s absences, appointments, etc. Please use the Centre email address RattrayECC@pkc.gov.uk to contact us with any questions or concerns.

\*Just 2 Easy will be our principal means of communication with families this term in conjunction with the School App and Parent Pay.

\*Arrangements are in place to provide children with an excellent transition programme to support them in moving from Nursery into Primary 1. To date, the children have enjoyed numeracy, literacy and health and wellbeing experiences. Other planned sessions include school lunch with parents and a Teddy Bears picnic.

In addition, children will also be given an opportunity to visit their classes for a longer session on 5th June and 6th June. Further details of this visit will follow. I am sure the children will make a successful transition to school with the additional visits we are able to undertake.

\*Please could all children continue to bring a bottle of sun cream (labelled with your child’s name) to Nursery and a sun hat so that we can continue to enjoy the sunny weather. Please could parents put sun cream on their children before they enter Nursery, and staff will support children to reapply sun cream during the session as required. Please avoid allowing children to wear open-toed sandals to Nursery for health and safety reasons.

\*Please avoid putting treats and juice bottles in children’s bags as these can cause unnecessary behaviour difficulties. These cannot be consumed in Nursery as we have children with allergies. Children are provided with healthy snacks and water and fruit are available daily in line with current national and local guidance.

\*Please could all children continue to bring a change of clothes to Nursery including socks, pants, and shoes- please can you label all clothing.

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**This month We Are Learning To:**

 **(W.A.L.T.):**

\*Demonstrate confidence in social situations, e.g., at group time and lunch time.

\*Recognise some familiar sounds e.g., the first sound in my name.

\*Be aware that being active is good for your health and your body.

\*Investigate and compare length, longer/shorter/ the same.

\*Create pictures and objects using a variety of tools and objects.

\*Grow plants, name their basic parts and talk about how they grow.

\*Keep ourselves safe in the sun.

**Dates for your diary:**

**(Please note these dates are provisional and may be subject to change. Other dates may also be added.)**

\* **Thursday 22nd May-** Whole school barbecueto which all parents/carers are invited. This will take place, weather permitting, outdoors. Nursery children will have their barbecue at 11.30. School children will have their barbecue from 12.20pm.

\*Our 3-5 Nursery Sports Day will take place on **Tuesday 3rd June from 1.45pm-2.45pm** on the Rattray Common (common area behind school); our Strong Start Nursery Sports Day will take place in the school courtyardon **Monday 2nd June at 1.30pm**. Our wet weather contingency date is Tuesday 10th June and Monday 9th June at the same times. The focus for our Sports Days is fitness and fun with children and families encouraged to play and learn together. An outline of this play and learning opportunity will be sent home with children prior to this event which parents/carers should bring with them on the day. (There will be activities for children and families to take part in; collect a happy face at each activity and you and your child will receive a certificate at Our Sports Day presentation.) Please could all parents/carers provide a water bottle for their child on this occasion (no juice please); nursery will provide a healthy snack.

\*Our Nursery Children will have their graduation ceremony on the morning of **Monday 23rd June at 10am.** More information to follow.

\* Nursery closes to term time children on Thursday 26th June at 12 noon.

 Nursery closes to 45-week options 1-6 children on Thursday 17th July.

 Nursery reopens for all children on Tuesday 19th August at 9am.

**And finally, …**

A big thank you to all those members of our community who have helped Nursery this term in any way, for example,

* donating clothes children have grown out of
* purchasing new resources

Our children really benefit from and appreciate your continued support.

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 **The Nursery Team (May 2025)**