

NURSERY NEWS



September 2026



Chunky Monkeys celebrates its 13th birthday on the 1st September. If your child is in on Tuesday 1st September they are welcome to wear their party clothes. Thank you



We are registered to accept children who wish to access Flying Start funding. If eligible, this means your child will receive funding the school term after they are 2. The link to apply online is live and you can check to see if your post code is eligible for funding. (Link below)

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/.../children.../flying-start/>

Christmas 2026 Opening Hours

Christmas Eve - Close at 1pm

Christmas Day - CLOSED

Monday 28th December - CLOSED

Tuesday 29th Dec - OPEN (usual hours)

Wednesday 30th - OPEN (usual hours)

New Years Eve - Close at 4pm

New Years Day - CLOSED

Monday 4th Jan - OPEN (usual hours)



Toilet Training

We have been asked recently how we manage toilet training at nursery. This can be a daunting time for both parents/carers and children, but we are here to support. Please find attached our Toilet Training policy for more information.

INVOICES

Please can we remind you that invoices must be paid by the 1st of the month. Thank you

INTERNATIONAL CUISINE



21st September - **Mexico**

Chicken Fajita, Nachos and Dips



HOLIDAY CLUB

We are taking bookings for our October Half Term Holiday Club. Please call the office to book your place.

DIARY DATES

1st - Chunky Monkeys 13th birthday celebrations

14th - Colour day - BROWN dress in brown colours (optional)



Toilet Training Policy

At Chunky Monkeys we understand that every child develops at their own pace and that toilet training is an important milestone in a child's development.

We are committed to working closely with parents and carers to support children through the toilet and potty training process in a positive, respectful and consistent manner.

Children will only be toilet trained at nursery once they are fully settled and secure within the nursery environment.

Toilet training will only be introduced at nursery when it is fully established at home and the child is using the potty/toilet confidently.

Children will be encouraged and not forced when potty training.

Each child will be individually monitored, and parents will be informed of the child's progress.

A record of each nappy/pull up change will continue to be logged on the nappy changing sheet.

Procedures

Initially your child should slowly be encouraged to use the toilet/potty at home.

If your child successfully uses the toilet on a regular basis and is beginning to understand when they feel they need to go to toilet and can communicate when they need the toilet, please speak to a member of the team about starting this at nursery.

Identify Readiness

When children's readiness is identified, only then will parents request toilet training to begin at nursery.

Staff and parents will work together to identify signs that a child may be ready for toilet training, including:

- Showing awareness of wet or dirty nappies
- Communicating the need to use the toilet or potty
- Remaining dry for long periods
- Showing interest in using the toilet or copying others
- Demonstrating increasing independence

During the transitional period, it is paramount that each child's self-esteem and confidence remain high.

Supporting Children at Nursery

- Children training will be gently encouraged to sit on the toilet/potty every time they are changed.
- A record of each nappy change will continue to be logged on the nappy changing sheet.

- Once they are ready, children will transfer from pull up/nappies to underwear and taken to the toilet regularly.
- Parents should provide adequate sets of labelled spare clothes, in case your child needs to be changed on more than one occasion. (the nursery will not accept responsibility for unlabelled lost items).
- Parents will be asked to dress their children in sensible clothing, easy to put on and take off independently, no dungarees, belts or tricky buttons.
- Children will be taken the toilet every 20-30 minutes by a member of staff.
- Staff will always give positive praise and encouragement after each visit to the toilet, reward charts may also be used.

Persistent accidents during toilet training

- Whilst we understand that accidents are a normal part of toilet training, if a child experiences persistent toileting accidents that are beyond what would typically be expected for their stage of development, the nursery will carry out an individual risk assessment. This will consider the child's needs while ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of all children and staff.
- Accidents will be dealt with sensitively, children will be encouraged to undress and redress themselves, with staff there to offer support and offer reassurance.
- If your child is wearing pants/knickers and has persistent accidents in one session, we will contact parents/carers to discuss putting a pull-up or nappy on them to save further upset, anxiety and stress.
- Whilst we fully support toilet training, the nursery is committed to maintaining a clean, safe and hygienic environment for all children, while supporting each child through the toileting process with dignity, patience and respect.
- If persistent accidents continue, we will advise that you may need to delay potty training for a short while and resume at a later date.