

Artemis Newsletter Spring & Summer 2025



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Contact Details

If you cannot contact me at the nurseries it usually means I am in meetings, but you are more than welcome to phone my mobile and leave a message and I shall return your call as soon as I can.

Alternatively, you could email me. If your query relates directly to your child's nursery, then below are the contact numbers you need for each setting. If your child is not coming into nursery, we ask that you phone the nursery to inform them at your earliest convenience.

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Parking

Please consider our neighbours and residents when parking at the nurseries. Please also be mindful that there are children coming and going from the nurseries so please drive away from the roads and car park slowly and carefully.

At Hollington there is 5mph speed limit so please follow this.

Nursery Uniform

We encourage the children to enjoy all the activities during their time at nursery and although aprons are provided, the children can often get paints, pen, mud and food etc on their clothes. Although uniform is not compulsory, we recommend it so that you can keep their clothes for good.

We have moved to Super Stitch 86 for our Nursery Uniform and you can order from their website <https://www.superstitch86.co.uk/product-category/nursery-play-group/artemis-nursery/>



Clothes

Please can you make sure that your child's Artemis Bag is fully stocked with tops, trousers, vests, knickers or pants, socks, and a jumper or cardigan so that they have everything they need for their time at nursery. Could we also remind you to put your child's name on the clothes they wear to nursery, as well as the spare clothes, coats and hats you provide in their nursery bag. This makes it easier for staff to identify their clothes to put in their bags before they go home.

Late Collection

Could we please remind you that children need to be collected before **1.00pm** or **6.00pm** to ensure you receive the feedback for your child and because we have children waiting to come in for their session. Please do not arrive before your sessions starts. If you are running late, please can you phone the nursery to let them know so we can get your child ready for your arrival. **There is a charge of £5.00 for every late collection passed 1.00pm or 6.00pm. This will go up every 15 minutes.**

Nursery Fees

Just a reminder that your invoices need to be paid at the beginning of the month to ensure we can fund the care, food, equipment and staffing that we, as a functioning nursery are required to provide throughout the month. If you are struggling to make payments it is always appreciated if you could contact us to discuss a payment plan. From September Invoices will now be issued through babysdays not email, so please ensure that you have all your log in details and know how to access it.

Sessions

As spaces are becoming quite full at the nurseries, please ensure you are thinking ahead about what you may be entitled to and book the days/sessions you would like from September 2025. Please also consider if you are wishing to increase as your child becomes entitled to funding or as the year progresses as once we are full, we may not be able to accommodate.

FUNDING INFORMATION!

15 Hours Funding for 2 year olds

You could be entitled to 15 hours free a week for 38 weeks of the year. Check the eligibility criteria on the East Sussex County Council Website - 2 year funding. If you are eligible for this then the hours can be accessed across 3 AM's or PM's or a day and a half. Two year funding starts the term after their second birthday and they can attend this term time only or pay for the remaining 13 weeks.

15 Hours Funding for 3 & 4 year olds

All 3 & 4 year funding will remain universal as 15 hours for 38 weeks of the year and can be accessed across 3 AM's or PM's or a day and a half. This funding starts the term after their third birthday, and they can attend this term time only or pay for the remaining 13 weeks.

15 Hours Funding 9 month & 2 year olds Working Families - NEW!

From April 2024, parents became entitled to 2 year funding, 15 hours free a week for 38 weeks of the year. Check the eligibility criteria on the childcarechoices.co.uk If you are eligible for this then the hours can be accessed across 3 AM's or PM's or a day and a half and can be used as part of additional hours. Two year funding for working parents starts the term after their second birthday and is an All Year Round offer.

30 Hours Funding for 3 & 4 year olds

You could be entitled to 30 hours funding for 38 weeks of the year, leaving 13 weeks unfunded and charged for, and you will need to check the eligibility criteria on the childcarechoices.co.uk website to find out if you are eligible.

You must remember to reconfirm your details every 3 months otherwise you may lose your funding. This offer is an All Year Round offer, not Term Time Only.

30 Hours Funding for 3 & 4 year olds - Stretched Offer

We offer our 30 hours as a stretched offer where your little one could access 25 hours per week for 46 weeks of the year. Depending on the term they start this will depend on the remaining weeks left to either pay for or your little one remains at home.

Please ask your Manager to provide you with the list of dates for September 2025-August 2026.

Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is a government scheme, to help parents with the cost of childcare. You can apply online at gov.uk/taxfreechildcare On the website you will need to check to see if you meet the eligibility criteria. You can use this alongside your child's 15 & 30 hours funding. You **can't** use Tax-Free Childcare alongside Childcare vouchers, Universal Credit or Tax Credits.

You will receive email reminders to reconfirm your details every 3 months.

Upcoming Holidays

2 & 3 Year [15 Hours Funding Term Time Only] - Half Term 17th February 2025 - 21st February 2025

Easter Holiday 31st March 2025- 18th April 2025

25 Hours Stretched, Term Time Only - Half Term 7th - 18th April 2025.

2 & 3 Year [15 Hours Funding Term Time Only] - Half Term 26th May 2025 - 30th May 2025

25 Hours Stretched, Term Time Only if Entitled from January 2025 - Half Term 26th May - 30th May 2024

2 & 3 Year [15 Hours Funding Term Time Only] - Funding Finishes 25th July 2025

25 Hours Stretched, Term Time Only - Funding Finishes 15th August 2025

Funding Starts again 8th September 2025.

From this date 30 hours funding is available for all working families of children 9 months and up and you are entitled from the term after your child turns 9 months. You must apply by the 31st August 2025 to be eligible and if you already have a working families code this will continue but must be renewed every 3 months.

EVENTS

Easter at Artemis 2025

Week Commencing Monday 7th April 2025 and the Week Commencing Monday 14th April 2025

We will be celebrating Easter at Artemis Nursery throughout these weeks.

We will be having Easter Egg hunts, following clues to the eggs with our friends and finding the Easter Bunny.

At home, we would love for you to create your own Easter Gardens, these can be edible gardens or gardens made of playdough or a drawing of a garden or a model or collage of a garden, to bring into nursery where you can share with your friends and there will be a little prize for everyone that does, we can't wait to see all your creative ideas.

We will also be making lots of Easter creations with arts and crafts and cooking creations throughout both weeks.

World Autism Day

We will be celebrating World Autism Day on
Tuesday 2nd April 2025

Throughout this week we invite all of our children to wear as much colour as possible and support us with raising money for World Autism Acceptance. We will be taking part in a colour run around our gardens and sponsorship forms will be available from the nurseries at the beginning of March.



World Book Day

Week Commencing Monday 3rd March 2025

Throughout this week we will celebrate books and will be looking at Authors and writing our own stories. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book characters and to bring in their favourite books from home to share with their friends.

The Big Toddle 2025

Week Commencing Monday 9th June 2025

Join us for a safari-themed stroll, tailored for our littlest explorers. We will be doing an adventurous half mile walk to help change childhoods. These will be happening throughout this week to ensure that all children can take part. You are also welcome to join us for these walks and Managers will provide each of their sites with the dates and arrangements.



Fathers Day 15th June 2025

Week Commencing Monday 9th June 2025

We will be celebrating the male role models in your children's lives during this week and would like to invite Fathers, Grandfathers or Uncles, to join us for Breakfast. We will be offering an alternative breakfast selection for this week for you all to enjoy, with the children making some of these alternatives. If you would like to join us, then please let the managers know and if there are any special dietary requirements.

Parents Evening

Tuesday 1st July 2025

This is a chance for you to meet with your child's Key Worker to find out how they are learning and developing at nursery. A time sheet will go up in the nurseries from **Monday 16th June 2025** for you to add your name to. If you are unable to make this day, or prefer a telephone call, then please speak to your Child's Key Worker to arrange this.

Nursery Graduation Photos

Katie Workman will be joining us again for our School Leavers Photos on the following days at each site:

Monday 7th July 2025 - St Leonard's

Thursday 3rd July 2025 - Hollington

Friday 4th July 2025 - Hastings

If you wish to have these taken, you will need to pre-book these photographs at a cost of £25.00 cash, and you will receive 5 photos electronically for you to use as you wish.

Please let your Nursery Manager know so you are booked in.

Picnic in the Park

We would like to invite you **all** to Alexandra Park on
Saturday 26th July 2025

to celebrate our eldest children going off to Primary School in September. We will be presenting them with a certificate and a book to remember us. It would also be a lovely time for you to meet your child's friends and their families from Artemis, bring a picnic and there will be fun and games.
Location: Between the Café and the Bandstand.

Mothers Day 30th March 2025

Week Commencing Monday 24th March 2025

We will be celebrating the female role models in your children's lives during this week and would like to invite Mothers, Grandmothers or Aunties, to join us for Afternoon Tea. We will be offering an alternative tea selection for this week for you all to enjoy, with the children making some of these alternatives. If you would like to join us, then please let the managers know and if there are any special dietary requirements.

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Red Nose Day Comic Relief

Friday 21st March 2025

We will be having a **Red** Party on Friday 25th March. All the children are invited to dress in Red and have crazy **Red** hair. We will be doing face painting using **Red** Paint and eating lots of **Red** food.

You are invited to make a donation, that will help communities make change happen, support work that will tackle the impact of poverty, injustice, conflict and climate change both in the UK and around the world.

All week we will be looking at how others live and what nursery looks like for children across the world.



Pirate Day Hastings 19th & 20th July 2025

Ahoy there little pirates!

We will be holding Pirate Week at the nurseries from the Week Commencing 14th July 2025.

We will be celebrating Hastings' Pirate Day and having pirate parties, making treasure maps and hunting for the treasure with the children. We will be doing trips to the beach with our telescopes

to spot the pirate boats coming into Hastings.

Your little pirates are welcome to dress as pirates all week.

Woman's European Football Championships

The 2025 Women's European Championships take place from 2nd-27th July 2025. We will be following this very closely and doing football sessions with the children. We will also be making flags to wave in support of our chosen countries. We will have a sweep stake at each site for the parents you pick their team and all money raised will be donated to 'Women in Sports'.

Pancake Day

We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday 4th March 2025

The children will be making their own pancakes and practicing their flipping of the pancakes. They will also be bringing the ingredients home so they can make you some delicious pancakes at home. All you have to do is choose your favourite toppings.



Pen Pals Australia Discovery Early Years Centre Tasmania Australia

We have linked this term with a Nursery in Australia and will be writing and drawing letters and pictures for our new friends. We are looking forward to learning all about Australia and what it is like at Nursery for our friends. We think it is very funny that when we are at Nursery, our friends are asleep and when they are at Nursery we are asleep.

World Insect Week 23rd - 29th June 2025

Throughout the week we will be looking at different animals from across the world and looking at their habitats. We will be doing 'Insect Watch' in our nursery gardens and surrounding green areas to see what we can find, marking them off on our bug hunt sheets and we will be playing insect bingo. Jaws & Claws will be visiting all three sites during this week and bringing some of their animals to share with the children. If you would like to bring in some photos of your pets from home that we can share at circle times with our friends.

Sunflower Growing Competition April 2025 - August 2025

We will be sending seeds home for you and your child to plant in April and ask that you keep a photograph diary of their progress, measuring as you do and recording the height for us. We will invite the Sunflowers back for judging in August and all participants will get a prize, with the tallest getting a gardening set to carry on their love of planting. Please collect seeds from the nursery during April. If your child doesn't attend during the holidays then you can collect at the end of March but wait to plant.

Suggestions of how to plant your seeds:

Choose a planting site in your garden with fertile soil and ample daily sunlight.

Sow sunflower seeds 1 to 2 inches deep in the soil.

Water the seeds with a warm splash of water daily until you see sprouts, which should take about seven days.

Alternatively, sow sunflower seeds indoors in pots in March or April and plant out in May once all risk of frost is past.

Plant one seed per pot, 1.5cm deep.

Water the pots and cover them with clear plastic bags.

Give plants plenty of room, especially for low-growing varieties that will branch out.

A light application of fertilizer mixed in at planting time will encourage strong root growth to protect them from blowing over in the wind.