



Newsletter Friday 30th April

This week our theme has been around the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk.' The children have enjoyed exploring the story, which has been a good opportunity to develop their literacy skills further with comprehension questions. Not only have children retold the story and sequenced main events, they have also explored characters feelings and interpreted the pictures and text. We have been asking questions that start with what, how, why and when.

Getting Ready for School

Today (Friday 30th April), is the deadline to accept your child's Reception place offer from Surrey County Council for September 2021

What is 'School Readiness'?

Good interpretation of the term is from PACEY (Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years) who quote: 'children who have strong social skills, children who can cope emotionally with being separated from their parents/carers, children who are relatively independent in their own personal care, children who have a curiosity about the world and a desire to learn'.

I have attached 2 documents which are helpful in preparing your children for school. The first one is a poster, which clearly and simply bullet points things you can practise at home. The second one is a more detailed document which basically explains each of the bullet points. If you don't have much time, all you need to know is in the A4 poster.

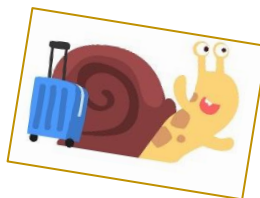
Since your children joined us at Flying Start we have been preparing them for school. Each morning your children have happily separated from you, independently put their coats and bags on their pegs, registered themselves by finding their own name, then washed their hands. Through free choice, they have chosen the activities they wanted to play, joined their friends and learnt to communicate and share. We encourage all children to communicate their wants and needs and express themselves. Every day they have an opportunity to build up and strengthen their fine motor skills to hold a pencil and practise writing their name. Every day they are exposed to numbers through play. Every day we sing and read stories.

We carefully plan and manage each day to ensure we are doing the best we can to prepare your children for school.



Speedy our snail loves a holiday!

If anyone would like to take home our African snail, Speedy, for the weekend then please speak to a member of staff.



TOYS

Please can we ask children NOT to bring toys from home into preschool. We don't want them to get lost or broken and it can be difficult for other children who want to play with them. Thank you

Term Dates

Mon 3rd May	Closed for Bank Holiday
Mon 31 st May	Half Term
Mon 7 th Jun	Summer Term 2 Starts
Thurs 24 th Jun	Farm Visit
Tues 20 th Jul	End of Summer Term
Please see website for Term Dates:	

[Term Dates | Flying Start \(flyingstartmolesey.com\)](http://flyingstartmolesey.com)

Values for May

Resilience

Resilience is simply to keep on trying.

When things get hard – keep trying.

Have a 'Can Do' attitude

Give your children time to keep on trying at something. Try not to step in too quick and do it for them, instead keep praising them for showing resilience.