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Nursery School and Family Centre



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Dr. Lesley Curtis OBE
Headteacher/Head of Centre

Welcome



Welcome to our Spring Newsletter!

As the days grow brighter and the first signs of Spring begin to unfold, our Nursery School and Family Centre has been growing with excitement and discovery. The children have been deeply engaged in their learning, noticing changes in the world around them and embracing new opportunities to explore, imagine, and grow.

One of the highlights this term has been the recent arrival of our duck eggs. The children have been eagerly observing the duck eggs in the incubator, asking thoughtful questions, and waiting patiently for the magical moment when the ducklings begin to hatch. This hands-on experience has sparked wonderful conversations about life cycles, care, and responsibility.

We have also been making the most of the different kinds of Spring weather during our Forest School sessions. From spotting new buds on the trees to listening for birdsong and splashing in the occasional muddy puddle and experiencing the wind on their faces, the children have shown incredible curiosity and confidence outdoors. Their teamwork, problem-solving, and imagination have truly flourished in the fresh air. If possible over the weekends and school holidays visit local parks and undertake walks so children continue to develop their physical skills which supports their well-being.

We hope you find our newsletter informative when you read about all the quality learning taking place this season. Spring is a time of growth, and observing the children bloom alongside nature has been a pleasure.




Dr. Lesley Curtis OBE
Headteacher/Head of Centre

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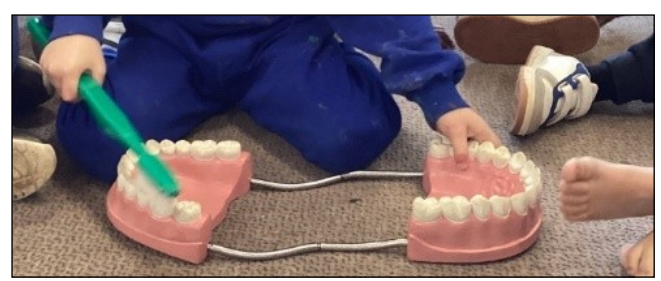
Mission Statement
The mission of Everton Nursery School and Family Centre is to promote the children's educational and social development and help families have and achieve high expectations for themselves and the community.



Good Food award **P3+4**



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Good Food Award Winners 2026

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Everton Nursery School and Family Centre have been awarded a 'Good Food School' award.



Children from Spencer class visited Squash cafe in Toxteth to collect the award and celebrate with other local schools nominated. The nursery school 'family-style dining' was praised for creating a warm, communal atmosphere in which the children are given the opportunity feel: Part of a group, Valued and included, Connected to their peers and key adults to make the lunch time experience feel special. Each table is thoughtfully set with flowers, napkins and real plates - never trays.



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These small touches help children understand that mealtimes are important moments of community and care.



They also support independence as children learn to handle real items with respect. At our nursery, children are given the rich opportunity to understand where food comes from by growing food themselves. Our garden spaces are living classrooms, changing with the seasons and offering hands-on experiences that help children develop curiosity, responsibility and a deep connection to the natural world. We will continue to support all children to develop a positive attitude towards healthy foods and maintain healthy eating habits. The school lunch menu is also available for you to view on the school website.





Megan Edwards

Nursery Teacher Spencer 1

Supertato Inspires a Week of Creative and Mathematical Learning

The children have been deeply engaged in a wide range of learning opportunities inspired by the story Supertato. The text provided a rich stimulus for exploration across the curriculum, supporting the development of mathematical understanding, creative expression, and early literacy skills.

Our learning began with the children's enthusiastic search for the mischievous Evil Pea. This activity encouraged close observation as well as conversations around size, shape, and number. The children demonstrated growing confidence in subitising to 2 and identifying small amounts without the need for counting. These early mathematical experiences were woven naturally into play and supported by adults modelling precise mathematical vocabulary to extend understanding.



As part of our broader focus on fruit and vegetables, the children were introduced to the artwork of Giuseppe Arcimboldo, a Renaissance artist known for creating imaginative portraits composed entirely of fruits, vegetables, and other natural objects. The children engaged in thoughtful discussions about what they noticed in his work, describing shapes, colours, and the arrangement of different elements. Inspired by these discussions, they created their own artwork, experimenting with composition and developing their observational and expressive skills.

The narrative of Supertato also inspired the children to design and build their own traps to capture Evil Pea. Using pattern blocks, they explored pattern, shape, structure, and spatial awareness. This experience supported early problem solving as the children considered how to construct effective traps, testing their ideas and adapting them where necessary. Adult interactions focused on monologuing alongside the children's play, modelling language related to position, shape, and size while encouraging the children to articulate their thinking.



To extend the superhero theme further, the children explored a range of superhero comic strips. They were particularly intrigued by the bold visuals and dynamic layout typical of comic style texts. This provided a meaningful opportunity for mark making, as the children experimented with creating their own symbols, lines, and early writing to represent action scenes, characters, and speech bubbles. This activity supported the development of early literacy skills, confidence in using mark making tools, and an understanding that marks can carry meaning.



Overall, the opportunity of a story offered a rich blend of mathematical, creative, and literacy based learning experiences. The children have shown curiosity, imagination, and increasing confidence as they explored ideas, expressed themselves, and engaged in collaborative play.



Kate Doyle

Nursery Teacher
Spencer 2

Learning experiences

This half term, Spencer 2 Class have engaged in a wide range of exciting and meaningful learning experiences. We began the term by celebrating Chinese New Year.

The children showed great creativity and teamwork as they designed and made their own dragon and lion models.



They worked collaboratively to learn and perform a dragon dance which they proudly shared with our younger Cresswell and Heyworth classes.

We have also been developing our understanding of the natural world through visits to our school allotment. The children shared their ideas and created a plan for what they would like to grow this year, including pumpkins, strawberries, cucumbers, watermelon, carrots, and tomatoes.





We have already started planting pumpkin seeds and have been busy turning over the soil in preparation for future planting. More recently, our learning has focused on the new season of spring. We have taken part in spring walks around our school grounds and have visited Everton Park to look for signs of seasonal change. The children were excited to discover an abundance of daffodils, daisies and dandelions. They observed nests in the trees and spotted wildlife such as birds, bees and ladybirds.





Emma-Louise Scott
NurtureTeacher/SEND CO

World Oral Health Day 2026

World Oral Health Day 2026 will be celebrated on Friday 20th March.

This year's theme is "A Happy Mouth is a Happy Life," reinforcing the importance of caring for your mouth from birth through later years. The campaign reminds us that a healthy mouth supports the whole body and enhances everyday moments whether sharing a meal, chatting with a friend, or laughing with loved ones.

As part of the Personal, social, emotional development (PSED) curriculum children will 'Be increasingly independent in meeting their own care needs, e.g., brushing teeth, using the toilet, washing and drying their hands thoroughly.'
'Make healthy choices about food, drink, activity and tooth brushing.'

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Free to attend - all families welcome!

2nd April 2026

11am - 3pm

Liverpool central library, childrens room



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Our mischievous Gruffalo ate all of the food from the role play area therefore needed his teeth brushed. Spencer 3 children quickly got their toothbrushes and clean his teeth!

Please see flyer of 'Little Smiles for everyone' a free sensory based day fun day for families exploring tooth brushing at Liverpool Central Library.

Spencer 3 have been exploring the importance of tooth brushing and oral care. Children have been looking at their own teeth in the mirrors, smiling at their reflections and to each other. We have been discussing the importance of brushing, when we need to brush our teeth and having a go ourselves. We have experimented with the texture and smell of toothpaste.





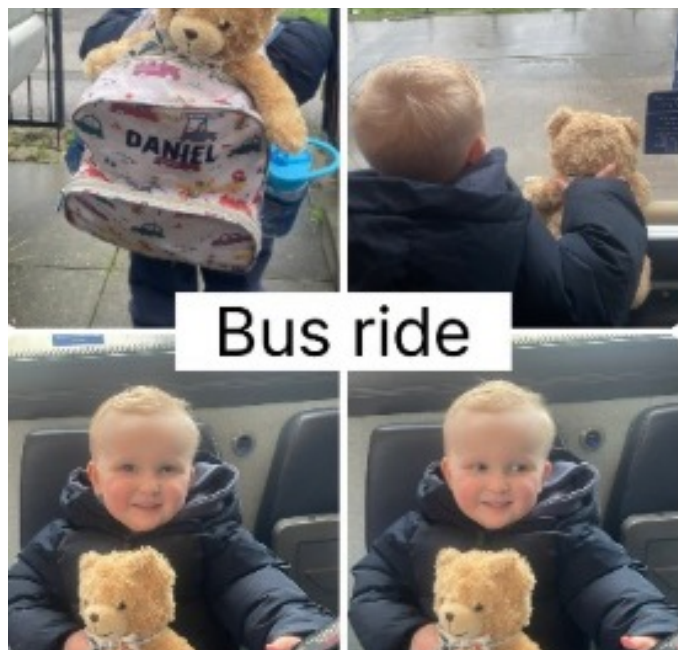
Kelly Collins
Early Childhood Educator

Harley the Heyworth Reading Bear

Over the past few weeks, our nursery class bear Harley has been on some wonderful adventures snuggling up for bedtime stories, joining family reading time, and even riding on the bus. This has been such a joy to see how excited the children are to take the bear home, share a story, and return ready to tell us all about their reading adventures.



Thank you to every family who has taken part so far. Your photos, messages, and shared moments have brought so much happiness to our classroom. The children have enjoyed seeing their friends' pictures and hearing about the stories the bear has been involved in. These shared experiences help build a real sense of community and pride in the nursery reading culture.



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Why Reading to Young Children Matters:

Reading with young children isn't just a cosy moment (although those are precious). Reading plays a powerful role in their development:

- Language growth: Hearing stories exposes children to rich vocabulary, new ideas, and the rhythms of language.
- Listening and attention: Snuggling up with a book helps children practise focus and build their listening skills.
- Imagination and curiosity: Stories open up new worlds, spark questions, and inspire creativity.
- Emotional connection: Sharing a book strengthens relationships and gives children a sense of security and belonging.
- Early literacy foundations: Turning pages, spotting pictures, predicting what might happen next, these are the building blocks of confident future readers.

Every time you read with your child, even for a few minutes, you are giving them a gift that lasts far beyond the story itself.

We want to say a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and carers who have welcomed our reading bear into their homes. Your enthusiasm, your photos, and the time you spend reading together make such a difference. You are helping your child develop a lifelong love of books, and we are so grateful for your support.

If you haven't had your turn yet don't worry. The bear is very excited to visit every family in the class. We can't wait to see where the next story adventure will take us.



**Faye Johnson**

Assistant Headteacher/(Leadership Team)

Reading Volunteers

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who

have generously volunteered their time to come in and read with our nursery children. Your enthusiasm, warmth, and willingness to share stories make such a difference. The children absolutely love hearing new voices, discovering new books, and enjoying those special moments of calm and connection. We are so grateful for the support you give our reading culture and for helping us show the children that stories are something to treasure. Thank you for being part of our learning community and for helping to make **reading magical**.





Paula Fagan

Early Intervention Coordinator (Leadership Team)



Everton Children`s Centre will be the next Family Hub in Liverpool with Anfield Children`s centre as the connecting site.

We are planning our Hub launch on Thursday 23rd April 10.00am - 12.00pm all families are welcome to attend. We will be offering different fun sessions on the day soon to be announced.

Our new neighbourhood area consists of Everton West, Everton North, Everton East, Anfield and Brownlow area in the city centre, this is known as the Stanley Park neighbourhood.

Liverpool's Family Hubs are working to bring together services for families with children of all ages from 0-19 or up to 25 if they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

We have eleven operational Family Hubs in Liverpool Clubmoor, Fountains, Granby, Picton, Speke, Stoneycroft, Fazakerley, Kensington, Belle Vale, Wavertree and Dovedale.

This means that families in these areas with children aged 5+ can access signposting and navigation support to ensure they find the correct service when they need it.

At the core of our Family Hubs is an enhanced Best Start in Life offer which provides support to parents and carers from a child's conception until their second birthday. This can be accessed virtually via our Best Start in Life site, by registering with your local Family Hub or Children's Centre, or by speaking with your midwife or health visitor.

For families expecting a baby or with children aged under five years old, we have a fantastic network across the city, meaning you are never far from support. Whether this is engaging play, antenatal education, or parenting support, Liverpool's Children's Centre offer has something for you and your family.



EVERTON AND ANFIELD CHILDREN'S CENTRE TIMETABLE

Easter Week 1: 30th March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Peep Teeny Tots 10am-11am At Anfield CC Come and join us for a new fun session for children ages 1-2 years, With a range of activities to help promote all areas of your child's development. Drop In.</p> <p>Bambi's Stay and Play 12pm-1pm At Anfield CC A Stay and play session where you can come along for support and advice from our BAMBIS team. Drop In.</p> <p>Peep All About Baby 1.15pm-2.45pm At Anfield CC Come along to our Under 1's baby group. A fun session for parents and babies with stimulating and age-appropriate activities. Drop In.</p> 	<p>Wiggle and Jiggle 10am - 11am At Anfield CC A fun and friendly music and movement session that will help support your child's physical and social development further. Drop In.</p> <p>Peep All About Baby 1.00pm-2.00pm At Everton CC Come along to our Under 1's baby group. A fun session for parents and babies with stimulating and age-appropriate activities. Drop In.</p> <p>Bambi's Stay and Play 2.00pm-2.30pm At Everton CC A Stay and play session where you can come along for support and advice from our BAMBIS team. Drop In.</p> <p>Parent Education & Bambis Antenatal Information Session 2pm-4pm At Anfield CC Session 1 - A fun antenatal session with demonstrations and advice to prepare for your new arrival. Session 2 - Support and advice around feeding your new arrival. Please contact us to book a place.</p>	<p>Health Visitor Weigh In Clinic 9.30am-12.30pm At Everton CC Appointment only. Please contact Everton CC on 0151 233 1969 to arrange an appointment.</p> <p>Easter Egg Hunt and Campfire with lunch 10.30am-12.30pm At Everton CC Please contact us to book on.</p> 	<p>JoJo's Dance Parties 10am-12pm At Anfield CC Come and join us for some fun, dancing and games with the wonderful JoJo's. Followed by a delicious lunch. Please contact us to book on.</p>	<p>Bank Holiday</p> <p>Sensory Room Our sensory room is now open! Come along to relax and stimulate your senses. Available daily, please contact us to book.</p> 
<p>Anfield Children's Centre Oakfield Anfield L4 2QG Tel: 0151 233 4001</p>	<p>Everton Children's Centre Spencer Street Everton L6 2WF Tel: 0151 233 1969</p>	<p>Everton Children's Centre Spencer Street Everton L6 2WF Tel: 0151 233 1969</p>	<p>Anfield Children's Centre Oakfield Anfield L4 2QG Tel: 0151 233 4001</p>	

EVERTON AND ANFIELD CHILDREN'S CENTRE TIMETABLE

Easter Week 2: 6th April

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Bank Holiday</p>  <p>Anfield Children's Centre Oakfield Anfield L4 2QG Tel: 0151 233 4001</p> <p>Everton Children's Centre Spencer Street Everton L6 2WF Tel: 0151 233 1969</p>	<p>Wiggle and Jiggle 10am - 11am At Anfield CC A fun and friendly music and movement session that will help support your child's physical and social development further. Drop In.</p> <p>Peep All About Baby 1.00pm-2.00pm At Everton CC Come along to our Under 1's baby group. A fun session for parents and babies with stimulating and age-appropriate activities. Drop In.</p> <p>Bambi's Stay and Play 1.00pm-2.30pm At Everton CC A Stay and play session where you can come along for support and advice from our BAMBIS team. Drop In.</p> <p>Parent Education Antenatal Session & Bambis Antenatal Information Session 2pm-4pm At Anfield CC Session 2 - Support and advice around feeding your new arrival. Please contact us to book a place.</p>	<p>Health Visitor Weigh In Clinic 9.30am-12.30pm At Everton CC Appointment only. Please contact Everton CC on 0151 233 1969 to arrange an appointment.</p> <p>Pool Sessions 10am - Session 1 11am - Session 2 At Everton CC Come along to our warm splash pool where children will learn to be confident in the water and become stronger in their physical skills. Please contact us to book a place.</p> <p>Peep Teeny Tots 1pm-2pm At Everton CC Come and join us for a new fun session for children ages 1-2 years. With a range of activities to help promote all areas of your child's development. Drop In.</p>	<p>A Wonder Hub Activity 10am-12pm At Everton CC Come and join us for 'The Snail and the Whale' interactive story session with Book Worm Players. Followed by some delicious lunch. Please contact us to book on.</p> <p>Happy Easter</p> 	<p>SWAN Jingle Jangle 10am-11am At Anfield CC Join us for a supported play session for babies and children who have additional needs. Drop In.</p> <p>SWAN 1pm-2pm At Everton CC Join us for a supported play session for babies and children who have additional needs. Drop In.</p> <p>Sensory Room Our sensory room is now open! Come along to relax and stimulate your senses. Available daily, please contact us to book.</p> 