



May 2026

# Newsletter

## Goodbye Makaela!

Makaela is sadly leaving Rothesay Nursery. Her last day will be Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. Makaela has been at Rothesay for nearly 8 years and I know she will be missed by children, families and staff! Thank you for all your hard work at Rothesay Makaela. We wish you well in your new job. Please do come and visit us sometime...



## School Readiness Workshops

Thank you to those parents who attended the registration session with Luton Adult Learning last week. This week the workshops start. The dates for these sessions are as follows:

**18<sup>th</sup> of May, 1<sup>st</sup> June and 8<sup>th</sup> June (from 1:15- 2:30pm.)** If you would like to attend these sessions and you have not already registered, you are not too late. You can still fill out a registration form and bring a form of identification to the first session.

## Parenting Puzzle

After half term Flying Start are offering a 4-week parenting course at Rothesay. The course details are below. Parents will need to attend all 4 sessions. If you are interested in doing this course please book a place at Reception.

### **Workshop 1: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm**

This workshop will cover the following areas:

- Understanding Children's Behaviour
- Listening and Communicating
- Praise and Encouragement

### **Workshop 2: Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm**

This workshop will cover the following areas:

- Praise and Guidance vs. Criticism,
- Child-led Play
- Positive Moments

### **Workshop 3: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 1pm**

This workshop will cover the following areas:

- Boundaries and Parenting Styles
- Time to Calm Down
- Dealing with Stress and Conflict

### **Workshop 4: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 1pm**

This workshop will cover the following areas:

- Choices and Consequences
- Behaviour to Ignore
- Putting the Puzzle Together
- Looking after Ourselves

## Lost Property

There are a few of items at reception (mum key chain, bottle lid and earring). If you think these belong to you please ask the office staff. If these are not claimed by the end of this week they will be disposed of.

## Life Cycles

All of the caterpillars have formed chrysalises and some of them have started turning into butterflies! We hope that they will be ready to set free before the half term break.

The children have been fascinated observing this process and they have had to be very gentle when looking at and handling the caterpillars and chrysalises



## Dates to note...

**Luton Transition Day:** Most of the children going to Primary School in September should be visiting their new school on the **3<sup>rd</sup> of July**. While the children who are leaving visit their Primary Schools we will be inviting the children moving classes at Rothesay to visit their new class. We will also be inviting the new children who will be starting in September to visit.

**Whole School Picnic at Stockwood Park:** We will be hosting our annual family picnic in the park on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. Parents (with children) will meet staff at the Discovery Centre in Stockwood Park at **11am**. We will plan to be there until **3pm**. The school building will be closed as we are all at the park. An invitation with more details will be sent closer to the time.

**Leavers Party and Summer Parties:** On the **17<sup>th</sup> of July** (which is the last day of school for children) we will be having a Leavers Party for all the children going to school. The children staying with us for another year will enjoy a summer party. The parties will be at **10:30am** for morning children and **1:00pm** for afternoon and 30-hour children. **Nursery will close for the summer holidays at 2:30pm after the party.**

## Children's Imaginative Play

As you know children love to pretend. We want to put lots of food boxes and tins in our home corners so that children can play and pretend with foods that they see at home.

If you have any clean empty boxes and tins (especially if they are specific to your culture) then please bring them in for us to use in our home corner. Thank you!

## Term Dates

### Summer 2026

**25 May- 29 May-** Nursery closed for half term.

**17 July-** Last day of term

### Autumn 2026

**4 September-** Children return to Nursery

**26 Oct- 30 Oct-** Nursery closed for half term.

## Sunhats and Sun Cream

Please remember that your child will need a hat in the warm weather. Please also apply sun cream to your child before arriving at Nursery. If your child stays all day at Nursery, then you are welcome to provide suncream (labelled with your child's name) and staff will support them in applying it around lunch time.

## For Children Going to Reception in September

Luton has a transition document that they ask all Nurseries to complete to give to each child's new Primary School. This document provides information about children so that the Primary Schools can prepare for the arrival of these new children in September.

We cannot share this information without your consent. If you have any objection to us completing and sharing this transition document with your child's receiving school, then please let Nikki know by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.