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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,



What a strange year this has been for us all. Thank you to everyone for your support through these challenging weeks. We can't quite believe we are at the end of our school year without all being together to say goodbye face to face, so we are writing this newsletter to you all to wish you a very happy summer.

We would also like to wave a very fond farewell to our nursery leavers who will be starting school in September.



The children's teachers are sending the messages below to all nursery children:

Lisa says – I am sorry we didn't see so much of you all recently. I'm so sad to say goodbye to our lovely children leaving nursery to start big school in September. They have been such a great pleasure to teach and play with. I wish them the very best of luck at big school, I will miss you! For our returning children, I look forward to us having lots of fun after summer.

Sally says – I would also like to send my best wishes to our nursery leavers. You have been a fantastic bunch! Good luck to you all who are starting school in September. I would also like to take this opportunity to tell you that I am leaving too at the end of term, although not to start school! I have worked as Deputy Nursery Manager here for 21 years. I started when nursery first opened and have enjoyed teaching and supporting the children in my care, some of whom are now young adults! I am of course sad to be leaving but it is time for me to venture something new.

Amy says – It's been a funny end to the year, but I've really enjoyed having an opportunity to work with different children and will miss all of our leavers! I can't wait until September to welcome back our younger children as we have really missed them. I'm looking forward to the new challenges next year will bring. I hope you all enjoy the summer.

Cecilia says – St Thomas a Becket Nursery has played a big part in my life for the last 18 years. It is now time for me to retire. Nursery has brought much creativity in my teaching, finding out about children, their interests, personalities and how they process information is fascinating. To find the key to 'reach/teach' them has been so exciting, they give me so many ideas. The children kept me young! It is a deep regret that the lockdown meant I could not watch my key children transition to school this year. I wish all our nursery children a wonderful summer and will think of the children often.

Julie says - To all of the wonderful children I had the pleasure to work with this year. I thank you... My fantastic footballing friends: having had to rescue so many balls kicked over the fences I'm sure that some of you will be playing for England one day!!! 😊.

To all my groovy movers, I clap my hands, you all have fantastic rhythm! To all my messy experimenting crew, what fun we had making slime and squidgy stuff. I apologise to the adults for the cornflour and painted clothes 😊. Although our time together was cut short, I shall really miss each and every one of you from the bottom my heart. I wish you all the very best on your new journey, you will go far! 🙌

Shameem says – Having started at here at nursery in January, I came to know many of the children well and I enjoyed teaching and supporting them. I will be sad to see those who are leaving go and will miss them, but I wish you all the best at big school and know you will excel! See everyone else in September!

Chloe says – I started at the same time as Shameem, January 2020. In the short time I have been with the children it has been an absolute pleasure. They have made a big impression and I will miss them all and look forward to seeing those who are staying on, again in September. Wishing our leavers the best of luck in their next chapter at school.

Jen says – My time at nursery has sadly come to an end too as the little one I have provided care for as an INA is starting school. I have learnt so much in my year at nursery and had so much fun. Like those of you starting school, I am also looking forward to my next adventure!



As you have read, 3 of our lovely staff team are moving on as well as some of our children. We thank them for everything they have brought to Nursery, we will miss them and wish them all the very best indeed in their futures and ask them to please keep in touch and let us know how they are doing! Cecilia, we wish you very many happy retirement hours drawing and painting in your garden.

September 2020: We will start the new school year with Amy as our Nursery Deputy and with Julie as our Nursery SENDCo. A huge well done to both ladies in their much-deserved promotions. Amy will email parents of all returning children before our return to nursery on the 7th September. We will be updating you about entry and exit systems and other pieces of information that we may need to share before we see you.



Keep safe and well and remember to continue to keep to your bubbles and social distance!

With all good wishes, [Clare Harrison](#), Nursery Lead

Gwen's Poem to the children 😊:

In these strange days that we have seen,
I have missed our children, so young and keen.
Eager to learn and happy to play,
I have missed those smiles everyday.
Running around, ecstatic and bright,
We always had you in our sight!
Caring for you when you scraped your knee,
Wiping those noses whenever you sneezed!!
We cooked, we painted, we sang and read,
And even made some cosy beds,
Dens were fun, tunnels led the way,
Peeping out and shouting 'Hooray!'.
For the last few months, I've missed you all,
From the older ones to the very small.
Now summer is here, stay safe and well,
We'll meet again soon, this is not farewell.

Gwen the Nursery Poet