

Friday 12th June 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our theme this week has been People Who Help Us, and the children have been learning about the many different people who support us in our communities. We explored health helpers, emergency helpers, service helpers, environmental helpers and everyday helpers. We discussed the important jobs they do, how they help us keep safe, stay healthy, keep our streets clean and help us in our daily lives.

The children enjoyed learning about different occupations, building their vocabulary, and understanding the roles and responsibilities of various community helpers. They had great fun making and painting their own doctor bags, as well as creating and decorating hats linked to their chosen occupations.

The highlight of the week was, of course, our dressing-up day. It was wonderful to see the children dressed as their favourite occupation or community helper. They enjoyed sharing their costumes and talking about the jobs they had chosen.

In phonics, we introduced the tricky words "is" and "to" and used them in word-building activities. We also continued our handwriting practice, focusing on more of our long ladder letters (l, i, t, u, j, y).

In maths, we matched occupations to the equipment they use, counted and explored simple AB and ABC repeating patterns.

We also returned to Holland Park for our pond-dipping session with the Ecology Centre. The children learned about amphibians and pond creatures and created their own dragonflies using clay. Although it was a very rainy day, the children all loved and enjoyed the experience.

Next week: Transport and Road Safety/ Father's Day

We will explore different types of transport, discuss how to stay safe near roads. We will also be celebrating our dads, grandads, uncles or special male role models, why we love them and why they are special to us.

Literacy: We will be reading and discussing stories about different types of transport and road safety. The children will build their vocabulary, develop their listening and comprehension skills, and take part in mark-making activities linked to the theme. We will also introduce the final tricky words (no, go, into), blending sounds and simple word building.

Maths: Subitising and simple addition through practical games and activities.

Understanding of the World: We will be returning to our Forest School in Avondale Park every Thursday until the end of term where the children will continue exploring the natural environment and developing their observation and investigation skills through outdoor play and exploration. Please can children be dressed appropriately.

Arts and Crafts: We will be creating transport-themed artwork and making special Father's Day crafts.

Snack: Melon, apples, peppers and cucumbers, broccoli and satsumas.

Notices:

We look forward to seeing the daddies for the Father's Day Tea / Coffee and Pastries and Stay & Play on Friday 19th June from 9.00 - 9.45 am at Avondale.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Eby and Miss Zara