



20th October 2026

Rhyme Time

This week, the children will be singing 'Humpty Dumpty' in Rhyme Time.

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall,
All the king's horses and all the king's men,
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

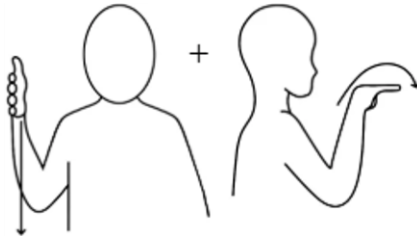


There are a number of Makaton sign for this rhyme. Here are just a few...

To sit



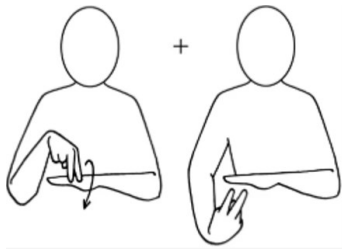
Wall



Horse



To fall off



Man



King



Parent Workshops



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TEACH READING: CHANGE LIVES

Thank you to everyone who attended the Little Wandle parent workshops last week. We hope that you found them useful.

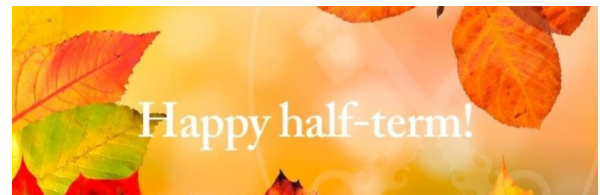
Little Wandle has produced resources for parents to help you support your child with saying their sounds. There are also some useful videos of the rhymes we will be learning in Nursery.

<https://www.littlewandle.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

We will hold more parent workshops over the year. Diary dates will follow.

Half Term

We will be closed for half term next week (week commencing Monday 26th October). Holiday provision will be open from 9am to 5pm for those parents that have booked a place. Nursery will re-open for all children on Monday 2nd November.



October Half-Term 2026 - Free National Maritime Museum Activities

24 October-1 November 2026 · Free · Drop-in

The National Maritime Museum's October half-term programme mixes myths and legends with bugs and creepy-crawlies, including free craft workshops and storytelling. Royal Museums Greenwich says the activities are free and drop-in with no need to book the activities in advance.

See the half-term programme:

[October Half Term Events at National Maritime Museum | Things to do with kids in Greenwich, London](#)



Rachel McMillan Nursery School

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Stay and Plant

We would like to invite you to our 'Stay and Plant' Morning on **Wednesday 4th November** between **9:00am and 11:00am**.

The purpose of the morning is to plant some bulbs with your child so that in the spring term the garden will be full of beautiful blooms. It is also a great opportunity for the children to learn about plant growth. If you are able to donate any bulbs or small herb plants, it would be greatly appreciated and there will be a box in the front office to collect any donations.

Once the planting is completed, we would like to invite parents to join together in The Orchard Room at 10:00am for refreshments - tea, coffee, cake and biscuits. Here we will be sharing thoughts and ideas about future trips and excursions for children and possible workshops for parents. Again, any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated - please let the office know if you can contribute.

We are very excited about our 'Stay and Plant' morning and hope you will be able to join us.



Attendance

Attendance is very important at Nursery and we enjoy seeing you for all of your sessions each week. We like families to aim for attendance to be between 95 and 100%.

Every Day Counts



Vacancy

Chartwells is currently recruiting a dedicated part-time cook, contracted to work 10 hours per week (based here at Rachel McMillan Nursery).

Part of Compass Group UK&I, Chartwells is the leading provider of catering and support services to the education sector.

Please note: This role is contracted to 42.6 weeks per year.

Chartwells is looking for someone to maintain a high standard of quality work. In return, you will have the chance to progress your career with a company that invests in its people and celebrates individuality.

For more information or to apply for the role, click on this [link](#) or visit <https://jobs.compass-group.co.uk/en-gb/job/75847143>



Diary Dates

Please make sure that the office has your correct contact details so that you can receive messages.

Autumn 1 2026

- **23rd October** - 3pm Shelters close for the half term break. (Extended Day finishes at 5:30pm.)

Autumn 2 2026

- **2nd November** - All children return to nursery.
- **4th November** - 9am 'Stay and plant'.
- **11th December** - 3:15pm Winter Lights Festival after school (More information will follow next half term.)
- **18th December** - 2pm Shelters close for the Christmas break. (Extended Day finishes at 5:30pm.)

Spring 1 2027

- **Monday 4th January** - Staff Inset Day. (School closed to all children).
- **Tuesday 5th January** - Children return to nursery.