

NEWSLETTER

June 2026

Dear 345 Parents

Midterm Break: Our schools close this Friday, 26 June, for midterm winter break and will return on Monday 6 July. Whilst there will be the usual aftercare on Friday, there will be no holiday aftercare for next week.

Reports: Your child's report will be available on Friday. When reading the report please be aware that your child is working to the best that they can and as a school we do not compare children as each is developing at their own pace and in accordance with their stage. At this young age a couple of months can make all the difference between what they can do and what they are still achieving. If you have any concerns that have not already been addressed by the school, then please make an appointment to speak with the class teacher.

Farewell: Chrisna Kock. Farewells are always sad and especially so for someone who has been at 345 Nursery Schools for 9 years. In her time with 345 Chrisna has seen much change and growth. We wish Chrisna well on her future ventures and thank her for all that she has done for all our little ones over the years to prepare them for their early learning stages. Chrisna will be missed on our 345 campuses.

Exciting Curriculum updates: In a previous newsletter I addressed the need to stay abreast of modern education developments in a world that is constantly changing. This is something that we are addressing at both 345 and CHP. The nursery staff have been introduced to some of our future-focus as we begin to set up to follow the Reggio Emilia approach to nursery learning. Our schools were represented at the Reggio Emilia conference in Italy in April and we are most excited to be investigating this wonderful child-centred approach for our nursery schools. Reggio Emilia is not a new curriculum, but rather a different approach towards nursery learning that is not only child-centred, but especially promotes critical thinking and problem-solving at age-appropriate levels.



In a world that will be truly unknown to us when your child leaves school, we need to better prepare our young ones for the future and that starts in their early development years. Whilst CHP will continue with the Cambridge curriculum, the future-focused skills will continue to be developed through those more senior grades too. We will have workshops later in the year, but I am happy to engage with any parents should you wish to chat in more detail before then.

I wish you a comfortable and warm winter break – albeit only a week.

Yours in education

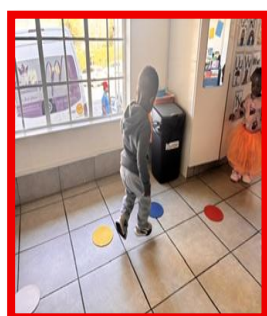
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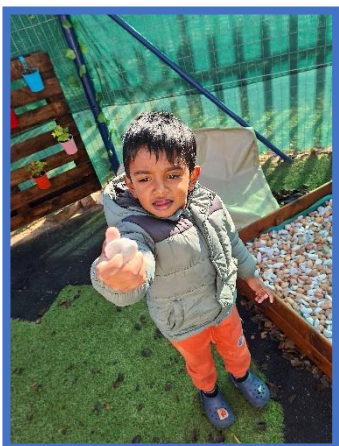
June was a busy and productive month for our Ladybugs. We spent much of the month completing assessments, which gave us the opportunity to celebrate each child's growth and development. The children worked hard and showed us all the wonderful skills they have been learning throughout the year. I am incredibly proud of each one of them. They have a special place in my heart, and I look forward to continuing to support and encourage them as they reach for the stars.

A Special Thank You to all the dads who joined us for our Father's Day celebration. Your presence made the day truly memorable, and we hope you enjoyed the performances as much as we enjoyed sharing them with you. Thank you for making the day so special for the children.



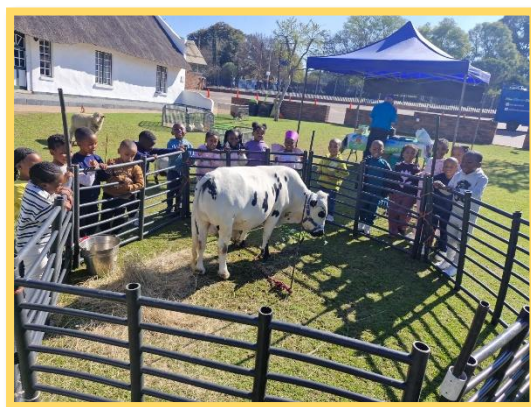


What a fun-filled and busy month June has been in the Butterfly Class! We celebrated Father's Day with our exciting Formula 1 Racing Event, where our amazing daddies got to show off their racing skills. From hopping through tyre hopscotch to manoeuvring around cones with wheelies, there was plenty of laughter and fun. Thank you to all our wonderful daddies for joining us and allowing us to celebrate you. We hope you enjoyed the special morning as much as we did! Another highlight this month was the exciting launch of our Sensory Garden. The children have absolutely loved exploring this new space. From watering the plants and investigating different textures to simply enjoying the stones and natural surroundings, the garden has quickly become a favourite spot for our little learners. We also welcomed a very special new friend to the Butterfly Class Razzle the Rhino, our class mascot! The children are so excited to take Razzle home and share their adventures with him. I can't wait to see where he travels and hear all about the wonderful memories he creates with our Butterfly families. As we head into the mid-term break, I would like to wish all our Butterfly families a happy and restful holiday. If you are travelling, please travel safely, and remember to stay warm during these chilly winter days. We look forward to hearing all about your adventures when we return!





What a wonderful and busy month we have had in our classroom! Our "Little Racers, Big Heroes" Father's Day celebration was a great success. The children loved sharing this special occasion with their dads and father figures, creating precious memories together. We have also been busy completing our assessments, and we are incredibly proud of how hard the children have been working. They have shown enthusiasm, perseverance, and a willingness to try their best. During free play, the children have especially enjoyed building puzzles and engaging in imaginative outdoor play, developing their problem-solving, creativity, and social skills. This month we learned all about winter, discussing the changes in weather and how to keep healthy during the colder months. We also discovered why citrus fruits are so good for us, helping to keep our bodies strong and healthy. One of the highlights of the month was the Farmyard Visit! The children had an amazing time meeting and feeding the different animals. It was a hands-on learning experience that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. We are so proud of all our little learners and look forward to another exciting month ahead.





What a wonderful and exciting month June has been. Our little Owls have been busy exploring, creating, and learning through a variety of fun and engaging activities. Throughout the month, the children enjoyed sensory play, arts and crafts, music and movement, outdoor adventures, and many hands-on learning experiences that encouraged curiosity and creativity. One of the highlights of the month was our special **Father's Day** celebration. The children were so excited to spend quality time with their dads. It was heartwarming to see everyone enjoying the activities, sharing laughs, and making special memories together. Thank you to all the dads who joined us and helped make the day such a success. We also proudly showed our support to Bafana Bafana, by wearing gold and green. The children looked fantastic dressed in their colours and enjoyed learning about teamwork, sportsmanship, and cheering on together. As we move further into winter, we are proud of how much the children have grown in confidence, independence, and their love for learning. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to another exciting month filled with fun, discovery, and learning adventures.





In June, the Hedgies have been focusing on strengthening our fine motor skills through cutting activities and plenty of hands-on practice. The children also enjoyed discovering what happens when primary colours are mixed, creating beautiful new shades through exploration and experimentation. During movement activities, we worked on coordination by passing crunched-up newspaper to one another, while balancing challenges helped to build concentration, body control and confidence. A special highlight of the month was the introduction of our class mascot, Patch the Pup, who has quickly become a much-loved member of our classroom community. We also celebrated Father's Day with great excitement, creating special gifts and cards to show our love and appreciation for the important father figures in our lives. The children enjoyed sharing stories about their dads and what makes them special. Creative play continued with playdough, where the children formed animals, aeroplanes and many other imaginative creations. We also enjoyed expressing ourselves artistically by drawing beautiful body images on our chalk wall. We are so proud of all the learning, creativity and growth we have seen this month!

