



Bumbles Nursery



Old Swan



July 2025

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Events

- UEFA Women's Euro 2025 2nd July- 27th July
- Teddy Bears Picnic 10th July
- National Ice Cream Day 20th July
- International Self-care Day 24th July
- International Day of Friendship/World Friendship Day 30th July

Themed planning for the this term is:

- Baby Bees- Senses
- Honey Bees All About Me
- Bizzy Bees- Re-think the Future









Staff Information

Hello! My name is Annarita De Simone, and I've been part of the Bumbles team for two and a half years. I first worked at Orrell Park Nursery, and in March, I made the exciting move to Old Swan.

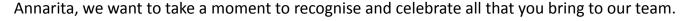
Originally from Southern Italy, I moved to Liverpool seven years ago, and now I proudly call both places home. I'm fluent in two languages and currently learning Spanish—I love discovering new ways to connect with others!

When I'm not working, you'll often find me reading, enjoying a trip to the theatre, or playing the piano.



At nursery, I'm lucky to work in my favourite place—the Baby Room. It brings me so much joy to see the children grow and achieve something new every day. And of course, nothing beats their wonderful smiles!

Staff Recognition *****



Your professionalism, unwavering commitment, and impeccable attendance record never go unnoticed—you truly set a shining example for others to follow.

Your passion for working in the Baby Room is evident in everything you do. It's clear this is where you're meant to be. The way you gently nurture each child, celebrate their development, and create meaningful moments is nothing short of inspiring. Your creativity and thoughtful ideas are helping shape a warm, stimulating, and enriching environment for our youngest learners.



Thank you for being such a reliable, dedicated, and valued team player. We feel incredibly lucky to have you as part of our setting.







Baby Bees

This month, our new theme "Senses" has brought excitement and discovery to our Baby Bees, who have been exploring the world through a variety of rich, sensory experiences.

From the softest textures to the juiciest tastes, the children have been engaging their five senses—touch, taste, sight, sound, and smell—as part of their sensory learning journey. During Healthy Eating Week, vibrant flashcards and fruit-tasting activities helped introduce nutritious choices in a fun, engaging way—encouraging curiosity, healthy habits, and new favourites!

We also broadened their understanding of the world through themed awareness days. On Ocean Day, the babies enjoyed a joyful water play session, experiencing the cool splash, soothing sounds, and flowing movement of water. Then, on Environment Day, our little eco-heroes joined in a hands-on activity to "clean" the Savanna habitat—learning, in their own playful way, how to care for our planet.



It's been a month full of wonder, learning, and sensory delight!

Money Bees

This month, we were excited to introduce our new theme: "All About Me."

The children have been exploring what makes them special and unique—learning about their families, favourite things, and the rich diversity that surrounds them. Through thoughtful discussions and hands-on creative activities, they've been encouraged to appreciate their own individual qualities, while developing empathy and respect for others.

A real highlight of the theme has been our self-portrait project, now proudly displayed in the Honey Bee Room! As part of this creative journey, we explored differences in hair and eye colour, height, and how we express a wide range of emotions. The children loved seeing themselves represented in their artwork and sharing what makes them them.

To further celebrate our community's cultural richness, we've also been learning about traditions from around the world—discovering how different families celebrate special occasions and what makes each one unique. It's been a joyful, eye-opening experience that helped build connections and broaden understanding.









Bizzy Bees

This term, we've been exploring the exciting concept of "What happens next?"—a theme designed to spark curiosity and encourage deeper thinking.

Using this idea as a foundation, we've supported the children in developing their critical thinking, personal, social and emotional skills (PSED), and early problem-solving abilities. Through engaging circle time discussions and thoughtfully planned activities, the children have been encouraged to anticipate outcomes, consider consequences, and reflect on their choices—laying the groundwork for thoughtful decision-making and empathy.

In addition to our thinking adventures, we've also been on the move! Our physical development has been supported through energetic, music-led sessions with Pop Cats. These lively classes have helped the children develop coordination, rhythm, and physical confidence—all while dancing, laughing, and having lots of fun.

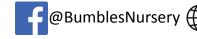
Outdoor Learning 🌲 🧥

Laughter and joy filled the air as the children explored every corner of the new garden, their imaginations running wild. Castles rose from the sandpit, tunnels were carefully dug, and adventurous tales unfolded beneath the cosy Reading Tree, where little ones acted out their favourite stories in the magical new reading area.

On sunny days, ice lollies added a cool, sweet treat, making outdoor play even more special! The brand-new water tray and pump were a big hit too. Curious hands worked together to make the fountain bubble and splash—delighting in the magic of water play. Even the tiniest explorers—the Baby Bees—buzzed happily between the sandpit and tuff tray, joining in the joyful hum of the garden.

Honey Bees gathered around the shiny mirrors, pulling funny faces and marvelling at their reflections. They celebrated each other's differences and danced together in the sunlight, full of happiness and friendship. Nearby, others huddled around the chalkboards, covered in soft pastel dust, drawing swirls, letters, and colourful creations.

The children loved being creative—and they truly loved the great outdoors!













Eco-Schools



The Eco Club gathered with excitement, their minds buzzing with big ideas to transform the school garden into a vibrant hub of sustainability.

With enthusiasm and teamwork, the children shared plans to grow a colourful variety of fruits and vegetables—strawberries, tomatoes, carrots, and leafy greens—all chosen for their bright appeal and ease of care. Their vision didn't stop at planting. They proposed a compost corner to recycle food scraps and nourish the soil, and a cosy bug hotel tucked near the fence to welcome helpful garden visitors.

They imagined raised beds lining the sunny side of the garden for easy access and healthy growth, and a peaceful seating area beneath the tree where they could meet, reflect, and celebrate their progress together.

This garden wasn't just about growing food—it was about cultivating a space where community, learning, and nature could thrive side by side. A garden for everyone to enjoy!

🔔 Parents Notice & Reminders📢

(I) Collection Time

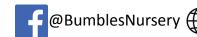
All children must be collected by 530 PM.

No Food Items

 Please do not bring food items into the setting or leave food in your child's bag. This is crucial due to the presence of allergies among children.

Mobile Phone Use

The use of mobile phones is not permitted inside the building, including phone calls or browsing while in the hallway. This policy helps us maintain a safe and focused environment for the children.









Bag Checks

Please check your child's bag before coming to nursery. Bags should not contain any items that could pose a choking hazard or any form of medication or creams, unless pre-arranged with staff.

🔒 Gate Safety

 For everyone's safety, please ensure the gates on the stairs are locked securely behind you when entering or leaving the building.

Respectful Conduct

• We expect all individuals on the premises to behave in a respectful and courteous manner. Aggressive, abusive, or inappropriate behaviour or language towards staff, children, or other parents will not be tolerated.

Important Reminder

Can all parents/carers please ensure that you reconfirm your child's funding code/information on the GOV.UK portal every 3 months.

This is essential to ensure continued access to funded childcare. Failure to reconfirm may result in a temporary loss of your child's funded hours.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Thank you!

We hope you enjoyed reading our Newsletter. Thank you for trusting us to teach your little ones... From the Staff Team :

