

Mapledene Termly Newsletter

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A message from our Centre Manager

I would like to thank all our families for your continued support and for working in partnership with us. Your involvement plays an important part in your child's learning journey, and we value the strong relationships we build with our families. In September we will continue to provide exciting experiences linked to the children's interests, encouraging them to explore, ask questions and develop new skills. We look forward to sharing their achievements and special moments with you. Thank you for being part of the Mapledene family.

Inspire a LOVE of reading

A love of reading starts at home, every story shared helps your child become a confident learner.

Top tips for reading together:

- Read every day, even if it's just for a few minutes.
- Talk about the pictures and ask your child what they can see.
- Use different voices to bring the story to life.
- Ask simple questions such as, "What do you think will happen next?"
- Most importantly, make reading fun and enjoy spending time together.

Scan the QR code to register for FREE books



In September, we will welcome new children and families to Mapledene. Our experienced team is ready to support every child as they settle into their new routines and build positive relationships. We wish Yasmin and Dudi a fond farewell and wish Tannae good luck as she enters motherhood. In September 2026 Apples and Seedlings room will be led by Tola (Room Leader) along with Mercy, Sabrina, Ella, and new staff member Ola. Palms room children will be supported by Merlene (Room Leader) with Jaydean, Georgina, Nicole, Nazmin and Gabrice. Maples children will be supported by Kayland (Room Leader) alongside Jasmin, Cherish and Olu. Mango room will be led by Mariam (Room Leader) and supported by Mirembe. Kitchen is run by Chantelle who is supported by Maseray and Deslin.



Primary School Application for 2027

Parents/carers of Palms room children moving up to Maples in September 2026. You will receive information about looking and applying for schools for September 2027. You must apply through your local authority for a place at a primary school, even if it is linked to your child's current nursery. You must apply for a primary school place a year before your child can start school. Please click on the link below, for more information <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/when-will-my-child-start-school> help will be at hand for those who need support with their application, it is a good idea to book school tours.



What's happening next term...

- Inset day 1st & 2nd September centre closed
- Half Term week 26th - 30th October
- Parents forum day-care & welcome breakfast Friday 6th November
- Extended services parents' forum Monday 2nd November
- Red book day Wednesday 4th November
- Children in need Friday 13th November
- Road safety week Monday 16th - Friday 20th November
- Parent teacher consultations Monday 23rd November - Friday 4th December
- Hanukkah Friday 4th - Friday 11th December
- Christmas party/jumper day Friday 11th December



Overall Theme:
Communication & Language & Mathematics Development

"Young children reinvent arithmetic: they do not learn it passively". Constance Kamii (1981 - 2009)

September - December 2026
Every Child a Talker, Reader & Thinker

January - April 2027
Our World, Our Words, Our Numbers

April - August 2027
Little Explorers, Big Discoveries

Overall Theme This September, we will be helping children settle into their new routines while developing their **Communication and Language** and **Mathematics** skills. Through stories, songs, conversations and play, your children will build their vocabulary, listening and speaking skills. They will also explore counting, numbers, shapes and mathematical language through fun, hands-on activities. You can support your child's learning by reading together every day and encouraging counting and conversation during everyday activities.



Thank You! A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents, families and friends of Mapledene who supported our Summer Fair. Thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we raised an amazing **£3,000+**! Your support helps us provide even more exciting resources and opportunities for the children. We are so grateful to everyone who donated, volunteered and joined us to make the day such a success.

Reminder: Spare Clothes

Please remember to send your child to nursery with a full set of spare clothes, including underwear and socks. Having spare clothes available means your child can stay comfortable and continue enjoying their day if they have an accident or get messy during play.

Children's Tooth brushing Guide



Brushing your child's teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste helps keep their teeth strong and healthy. Make brushing fun by singing a song or brushing together. Encourage your child to spit out the toothpaste after brushing and avoid rinsing with water, so the fluoride can continue protecting their teeth. Click on the link for more information

<https://startingreception.co.uk/toothbrushing/>

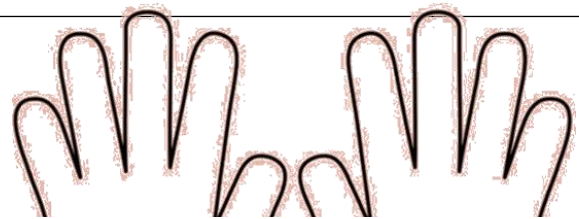
Extended Services

We are combining our Little Cooks session with HENRY to promote Healthy Eating and Oral Health. We invite you to join in with the session on Wednesday 9th September from 9am - 11.30am. Do you have any concerns or questions about your child's development? Come to our Occupational Therapy drop-in from 9am - 11.30am on 11th September 2026 more dates are available. Come to our Solihull approach sessions for advice on understanding your child's behaviour starting on 23rd September. See a member of staff in Mango room for more information.



Nursery Fees Increase

From 1st September 2026, our nursery fees will be increasing. We know that nobody gets excited about a fee increase, but we really appreciate your continued support and understanding. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to the Pamela or Arif.



What lurks beneath your children's fingernails

Young children explore the world with their hands, and germs can easily collect underneath long or dirty nails. Dirt and germs under fingernails can include bacteria and viruses that may spread to other children through touching, sharing toys, eating, or putting fingers in their mouths. Keeping nails short and clean helps reduce the spread of illnesses such as stomach bugs, colds, threadworm and other infections. Please check your child's nails regularly and give them a quick trim when needed. Let's keep those little fingers clean, we want them digging in the sand, not digging for germs.



Shut it...

Please remember to **shut the door behind you** when entering or leaving the nursery. This helps us keep all our children **safe and secure**. Thank you for helping us keep Mapledene Children's Centre safe...**Close the door, keep us secure!!!**



Sometimes life gets in the way

At Mapledene Children's Centre, we know that family life can be busy, challenging and sometimes unpredictable. If something is worrying you, or you simply need someone to talk to, please come and speak to us. Our door is always open, and we are here to listen, support and work with you... never to judge. You don't have to have all the answers. Sometimes, a chat is a great place to start. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way so come and have a chat, we promise we won't bite.



Safeguarding at Mapledene



If you have changed your details for example, address, contact list or mobile number; please let the office know so we can update your files. Also, if you are allowing someone who is not on your child's pick-up list to collect them from nursery. Please let staff know of this and set a password. We also would like to remind you all to please only use your mobile phone in the designated areas (parent's room or outside the building)

Mapledene's staff would like to say GOOD LUCK to all our children leaving us to start reception or nursery school in September. And GOODBYE to our children and families who are moving out of the area. We can say from the bottom of our hearts. That it has been an absolute pleasure, being a part of your child's story. Thank you for working alongside us.

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Hackney Local Guidance and The Lullaby Trust

Mapledene Children's Centre follows current safer-sleep guidance from Hackney Council, the Department for Education and The Lullaby Trust. Hackney Council's local safer-sleep information highlights the importance of placing babies on their backs to sleep and provides advice on circumstances where co-sleeping can be particularly dangerous. It also directs families to local Health Visiting services and The Lullaby Trust for further advice. The Lullaby Trust recommends that babies are placed on their back for every sleep, in a clear cot with a firm, flat mattress and without items that could cover their face or head. For further advice, parents and staff can contact The Lullaby Trust Baby Safety Helpline on 0808 802 6869, Monday to Friday, 10am-2pm.

[Hackney Council - Back to Sleep guidance](#)

[The Lullaby Trust - Safer Sleep Information](#)

Click on the links above to find out more...

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Photo Gallery

