

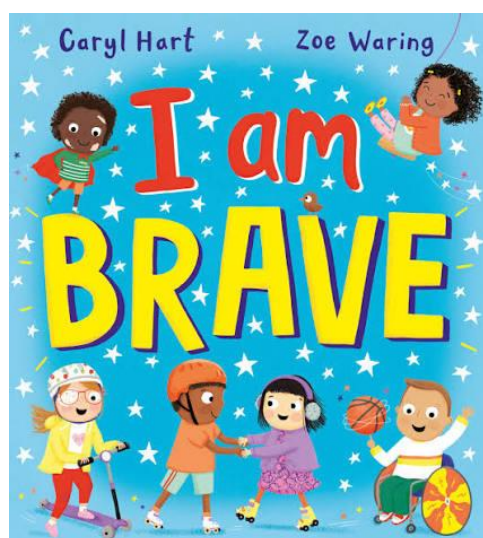
# ILCHESTER EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> September 2025



“While we try to teach our children all about life, our children teach us what life is all about”.

~Angela Schwindt



## Tiggywinkles

This week the Tiggywinkles have enjoyed exploring lots of exciting activities. We have been thinking about ourselves and our families, building confidence in saying what makes us special and brave. The children loved joining in with parachute games, singing nursery rhymes, and exploring sounds through music and play. They got creative with big paintings, cotton bud printing, and cutting card to make their own creations, while also building houses, preschools, and favourite animals using a range of construction materials. Small world play with animals, cars, pipes, and gloop sparked imagination and storytelling, and sensory activities such as fruit printing, rice play, and tweezers with cotton balls helped develop fine motor skills. The children showed great enthusiasm during carpet times, listening carefully, joining in with rhymes, and sharing ideas with friends. It has been a wonderful week full of learning, creativity, and teamwork!

## Nutkins

This week the Nutkins have had great fun with parachute games, chalk drawings and big movement painting outside. We have been thinking about our birthdays and families, and talking about what makes us special. The children enjoyed using playdough, paint, and cars to explore shapes and patterns, and worked hard to build homes, parks, families and even favourite toys with different materials. Creative activities such as fruit printing, cutting cardboard boxes, and making paper plate faces kept everyone busy and engaged. Small world play with babies, animals and farms encouraged imagination and storytelling, while songs and rhymes gave lots of opportunities for joining in and building confidence. It has been a lively week full of energy, creativity and learning together!

## Puddleducks

This week the Puddleducks have enjoyed exploring, creating and playing together in lots of different ways. They have been busy stacking cups, solving puzzles and comparing bears, all while thinking about themselves and what makes them unique. Music and movement brought lots of smiles, especially during sensory play with glow sticks and scarves, and the children showed great creativity through rice mark making, mirror play and cotton ball

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painting. Building and construction were also a big focus, with obstacle courses, block towers, pasta threading and junk modelling giving plenty of opportunities to problem-solve and work together. Small world play with people, cars, babies and animals inspired lots of imagination and storytelling, while self-portraits and glow stick water play encouraged children to notice features and express their own ideas. It has been a lively week full of fun, creativity and teamwork!

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## Somerset Council- Chat Health

Chat Health is an easy way for parents to access Health Visitor Support. It's a confidential help and advice line. Chat Health is available 9-5 Monday-Friday. It is staffed by a member of the Health Visiting team. All parents must do is text their enquiry/question to 07480 635 514 (under 5's) or 07480 635 515 (5 to 19 year olds).

Parents, please feel free to use this number.



# Somerset Council

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## Enquiries

Your enquiries are important to us, please make sure you send all enquiries

to [earlyyears@ilchester.ppat365.org](mailto:earlyyears@ilchester.ppat365.org) so Mrs Hallett or Emily can respond in due course, it is important enquiries go to our inbox so we can ensure a quick and efficient response.



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