



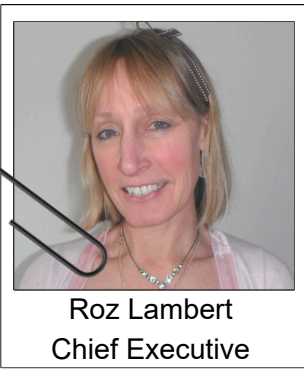
# STEP UP



Spring 2025

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Roz Lambert  
Chief Executive

## Welcome

Celebrating Growth

What a treat it is to visit our community nurseries and specialist setting and see children enjoying the outdoors in the sun! Bright yellow daffodils are celebrated in paint and cardboard, and in the mud kitchen, and a range of seeds are planted, all being carefully observed and measured.

The joy of early years is that there is learning in all activities, both inside and out. Children and Early Years Practitioners have fun!

A group of committed students from Bath University have been helping us share the love of outdoor activities and ways families can teach children that they are part of the wonderful natural world. Do watch out for the leaflets and posters. We say a warm thank you, to them for their time and energy.

Sadly, the First Steps senior team have not yet fully embraced the spring vibe. You may have seen the news headlines regarding free early-year entitlements and the requirement for early years settings to provide free childcare under the EYE scheme. This creates a gap in our income, however, we are determined to continue to serve the local community with options for childcare that enable parents and carers to return to training and employment, are fully inclusive and provide each child with the very best start. Over the next few weeks, we are exploring innovative ways that ensure that First Steps is strong for the next generation and maintain the vision of an innovative provider of early years childcare, education, and family services.

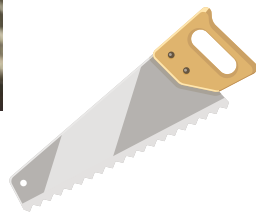


# Woodwork Wonders at Twerton Community Nursery



At Twerton Community Nursery, our woodwork activities have become a favorite among the children, sparking creativity and fostering essential life skills. The children have made remarkable progress in creating their own cars and airplanes, showcasing their ingenuity and craftsmanship.

Through these projects, they have learned to make adaptations to their models, enhancing their problem-solving abilities. The process of dismantling and reassembling their creations has taught them valuable skills in understanding how things work and the importance of patience and precision.



Woodwork is not just about building; it's also about learning to wait, as this popular activity often requires taking turns.

The children have developed a strong sense of safety, understanding the importance of using tools correctly and responsibly.

These experiences are laying the foundation for lifelong skills, from teamwork and perseverance to creativity and critical thinking. We are proud of the progress our young woodworkers are making and look forward to seeing their continued growth and achievements.







# Springtime Fun at First Steps Moorlands Community Nursery!



Spring has sprung at First Steps Moorlands Community Nursery, and our little ones are buzzing with excitement! 🌸🐝



Our babies have been enjoying a mini beast hunt in the garden, discovering all sorts of fascinating creatures. Their curiosity and joy are a delight to see as they explore the wonders of nature.



Our toddlers had an absolutely fantastic time on their recent trip to the library! At the library, the children were captivated by the array of books and the magical stories they discovered the bus ride was also an exciting experience.

The preschool children have been painting beautiful spring flowers, bringing vibrant colours to life. Their creativity is blossoming, and the nursery is filled with their stunning artwork.



These activities are not only fun but also educational, helping our children develop essential skills and a love for the outdoors. We are thrilled to see them thrive and grow in such a lively and engaging environment.







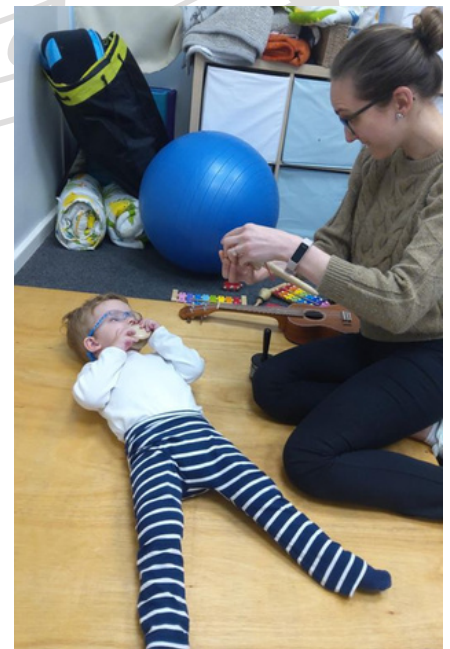
# Exciting News: Music Therapy at BOP.



It is tremendous that BOP has been fortunate enough to receive funding from the Joyce Fletcher Foundation! This generous support has enabled us to engage the wonderful services of Music Space – a fantastic charity providing music therapy for people of all ages in Bristol and the South West.

Music therapy is a magical way to support emotional, physical, and mental health. By playing music together, we help people connect, communicate, and express themselves. Every Friday, Music Space sends a qualified music therapist to BOP, bringing the joy of music-making to help people communicate, express their feelings, and build relationships.

What's truly amazing is that everyone responds to music, regardless of disability or illness. Music therapy is a creative and inclusive approach, open to everyone, no matter the challenges they face. The goals of music therapy vary for each individual, but our music therapist works closely with the key person and the child to identify areas for development and support. These goals can evolve based on each child's changing needs.





# We are thrilled to announce our upcoming fundraising initiatives for 2025-2026 !



GOAL

Our projects aim to provide free meals, fun trips, and engaging activities, ensuring every child has access to enriching experiences. We believe in the power of community and are committed to fostering strong partnerships with parents to make these projects a success.

Thank you for being a part of our journey!



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