

Buttercups



- Do fields of buttercups remind you of childhood summers, with long, sunny days, picnics and holding a buttercup to someone's chin to see if they like butter or not?
- Adults know that a buttercup's glossy petals reflect the light particularly well, making them more visible to bees and other pollinators, but let's hold on to that childish sense of awe and wonder that marvels at the yellow reflections.
- For most of us, buttercups still have the capacity to make us smile! Let's enjoy the long, light days of summer and try to reconnect with our inner child as we engage with nature.
- The Latin name *ranunculus* means 'little frog,' which reflects their preference for damp ground where frogs thrive. In the original story of The Princess and the Frog, the prince was turned into a buttercup. Another reason to smile!