

Nursery Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

Welcome to Nursery! We hope you have a wonderful and fun year with us. There are lots of permanent members of staff in Nursery: Mrs Lee (Full time Nursery Teacher) and Miss Horwood (Nursery Teacher Monday—Thursday). Our Level Three Nursery Practitioners are: Mrs Brennan, Miss Seager, Mrs Proctor and Ali. We are also lucky to have Sam, Clare, Ashlea, Frances, Louise, Sadie, Victoria and Katelynne as additional support in the nursery. Your children will get to know us all very well although we will not all be in the same location for the mornings.

Our topics for this term are:

- Who am I? Myself, my family and my home (and Peppa Pig's family!)
- Harvest and Autumn
- Space and Light and Dark
- Celebrations- Diwali and Christmas

However, we aim to follow the children's interests as much as possible so these are subject to change! Please continue to let us know what your child is interested in.

Snack Time

We have snack everyday in both the morning and the afternoon sessions. Each morning we always offer apple, cucumber and milk or water to drink, but we also provide an additional fruit and a savoury option (e.g. toast, cereal, cheese, pasta, potatoes, pizza wraps).

In the afternoons the children are offered a fruit and savoury snack and a drink.

If your child attends 15 hours this costs £2 per week for the autumn term. If your child attends 30 hours this costs £4 per week for the autumn term.

Water Bottles

Please send your child with a named water bottle each day. In line with the school requirements please ensure they contain **ONLY WATER and not juice or squash** as oral hygiene is part of our curriculum. *Please also name water bottles!* Thank you.

Toys and dummies

If your child needs to bring in a toy or comforter please explain to them that these need to stay in their bag on their peg. It can be very upsetting if a child loses a special toy.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY DUMMIES IN TO NURSERY!

Book Borrowing

Outside the nursery garden gate is a box full of books that you are welcome to borrow and share with your child at home. There is no need to sign these out, please feel free to choose one and swap this as often as you like.

-P.E. with Mr Peters will be on **Friday morning**. Please send your child in comfortable clothes and sensible shoes (no sandals or clogs please). We will be focussing on listening games and simple skills.

-Music with Mr Betts will be on **Friday Morning** in the music room. We will be joining in with action songs and rhymes.

Keeping in Touch

We appreciate that it isn't always easy to speak to a member of staff during drop off and pick up. We will be using Tapestry to keep you informed of your child's activities and you can also contact us through there by adding an observation. You can also email us via the school office if you have any questions or concerns.

Please do not contact us on social media as we are not allowed to respond to parents in this way. Thank you.

Tapestry Online Learning Journal

As a Nursery we spend time playing and engaging with your child to help develop their understanding of the world around them. We will publish a weekly Nursery update to keep you informed of our weekly learning focuses. Tapestry is safe and secure, and can be accessed by a username and password only. You can then look at your child's journal as a family, and are able to reply to any observations or indeed add your own! This is an excellent way of communicating between home and Nursery and we hope you will enjoy using it.

Please let us know if you are having any problems logging in.

My Favourite Book

Each week we will invite a child to bring in one of their favourite books from home. They will then have an opportunity to share it with everyone, and we will read it to all the children.

Please be assured that every child will have a turn in the year but it takes time as we only share books from home on a Friday.

We will send a letter home to you when it is your child's turn to inform you of the day to bring it in.

Nursery Lunch Club

Nursery Lunch Club will run every day and is lead by our Level Three nursery practitioners. The children will eat in the main school hall and will be able to play in the nursery garden after eating.

Please book in and pay for Lunch Club using Arbor. This needs to be done at least 24 hours in advance so we can ensure we have the correct ratios of staff to children every day.

Your child will be able to select their lunch with support from the Lunch Club Staff. We will inform you if there was something your child did not like or if they did not eat very much that day.

Your child is always welcome to stay for lunch even if they are not attending the afternoon session, as they can be collected at 12.30 at the big blue gate.

***PLEASE REMEMBER NO NUTS OR NUT BASED SPREADS IN PACKED LUNCHES. This includes chocolate spreads! ***

Clothing in Nursery

Please make sure you send your child into Nursery in old, comfortable clothing that they can manage their self care in. It would be helpful if clothing was named please, especially fleeces and coats as we have a lot of children to match clothing to! Please can you make sure you send your child to Nursery in a pair of shoes that they can take off and put on by themselves (NO LACES PLEASE!) Wellies and snow boots are not suitable or comfortable for indoor use so please send in a pair of trainers if your child comes to school in these. It would also help us greatly if all shoes are named please!

Please can we also ask that you make sure your child has a pair of wellies (Named!) to be kept in Nursery for our woods sessions.

We have snowsuits and snow boots for the children to borrow when the weather gets colder.

And Finally!

We like to go out and about to enhance the children's learning and experiences. We do not yet know if these trips will be able to go ahead this year but we will keep you informed. Whilst some of these trips are free, some of them require a financial contribution. In order to give you as much notice as possible, these are our intended 'cost' trips for the year:

-October- Walk to Broom Hill

-March- Walk to Broom Hill

-May/June- Hollowtrees Visit £15 approx.

We will send you more information nearer the time. Thank you!