



NURSERY NEWSLETTER



Autumn 1: September-October 2026

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING THIS TERM?

Our topic is 'Marvellous Me'. Firstly the children will focus on settling into nursery. They will become familiar with the continuous provision (indoors and outdoors), the adults and other children, and will learn new routines. We will explore our likes and dislikes, our family and friends, and our emotions.

IMPORTANT MESSAGES

- Please send a change of clothes in your child's bag every day in case they get wet/messy (including socks)
- Label ALL clothes, coats, and drinks bottles
- Return any borrowed clothes as soon as possible
- If your child is in nappies, please ensure they are dry on arrival

KEY DATES

- Parents' consultations: Tues 6, Fri 9, Wed 14, Thurs 15, Tues 20 Oct at various times (book via Arbor)
- Thurs 22 Oct: Last day of nursery, break up for half term
- Fri 23 Oct: INSET Day
- Mon 2 Nov: Return to nursery

NEWS AND UPDATES

COLD AND WET WEATHER

We will still be spending significant time outdoors over the autumn and winter. Please send your child in with a warm, waterproof coat, hat, mittens/gloves, and wellies.

If you have waterproof trousers too, that's great!

SNACK AND CONSUMABLES

If you are able to, making a voluntary donation of £1 per week really helps us to provide a wide variety of foods for snack time. This also helps us to provide consumables for messy play.

COMING SOON: ParentPay for your voluntary donation

FOCUS CHILD SNAPSHOT

Each 3 month term, you will receive a focus child snapshot of how your child is progressing in nursery. This will showcase their interests and skills, how adults are extending their learning, the child's voice, and next steps.





HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

READING BOOKS

- Reading with your child builds their vocabulary, sparks their imagination and helps their concentration skills.
- Sharing a bed time story is part of a calming routine when your child can spend dedicated time with you.
- Why not borrow a book from our library, or a bed time story bag?

NUMBERS

- It seems odd to us as adults, but there are fun opportunities to count EVERYWHERE!
- Practise counting 1-5 or 1-10 together when out and about, or even somewhere like the kitchen at home.
- Look for numbers all around you and point them out to help your child begin to match a number name to its numeral.

MINIMISE SCREEN TIME

- Aim for no more than 1 hour a day of high quality, slow paced content - try CBeebies on iPlayer.
- Avoid fast paced, social media style videos as these can affect your child's ability to concentrate.
- For a shared experience, try looking through photos or video calling family.

WHY IS GETTING MESSY SO IMPORTANT?

Messy play in sand, water, mud and paint is vital in early childhood because:

- Children explore using all their senses
- It supports fine motor skills, creativity, language and emotional wellbeing
- Children can think independently, make their own choices, express themselves, and explore problem solving

DONATIONS

Do you have any out of date food at home such as cereal, pasta or rice? We would really appreciate any donations of consumables to use for messy play.

WRAPAROUND CARE

- Did you know your child can attend:
- Breakfast club (7.30am-8.30am)
 - Evening Owls (3.30pm-6pm)
 - Additional costs apply
 - Speak to the office for more information

WORKING TOGETHER FOR YOUR CHILD

If you have any questions or want to discuss anything about your child, please catch me at the start/end of nursery sessions.

Parent partnership is crucial in the early years and I'm always happy to chat.

Mrs Jordan, Nursery Teacher

