



September 2025

Welcome to Nursery

Dear Parents,

It has been a fantastic start to the year. The children are settling well and we are enjoying getting to know them. This is a quick letter to share a bit more information about Nursery but please do feel free to speak to any of our team if you have any further questions.

Sound time and books

We follow 'Supersonic Phonics Friends' systematic synthetic phonics programme. In Nursery, the children learn phase 1. In this phase, the children explore sounds they hear in the environment. They will explore and identify sounds that different instruments make and then use this to identify instruments from the sounds they hear.

To support children with their development, discuss different sounds you hear when going for walks with your child. As the children settle into Hedgehogs, they will begin taking a library book home for you to share with them. The children will take the book home on a Tuesday and return it on a Monday. The children will also start taking a picture book home later in the year. This is for them to discuss the story and what they can see in the pictures. Once you have discussed the book with your child please sign in their reading record and return the book to school. A letter with more information will be sent home when we start sending books home.

Curriculum

You can find out about what we are learning in Hedgehogs and ways that you can support your child at home in our curriculum newsletter each half term.

Bags

Children require spare clothes (trousers, pants, socks, t-shirts and/or jumpers) sent into school in a draw string bag. As we don't have a lot of space on the children's pegs a draw string bag takes up less room. If your child is still toilet training and requires pull ups, ensure these are also in the bag along with wipes and nappy sacks. Please ensure all items including bags and clothes are labelled as the children can't always identify which items belong to them. If your child needs changing during the day we will send the bag home so you can replenish their spare clothes.

Packed Lunches and Water Bottles

If your child stays for lunch club (all day children) please ensure their lunch box is named. You may also send a named water bottle in with their lunch box as well. We promote a healthy diet in school so please ensure that your child's lunchbox reflects this. Ensure the children enjoy the food that is sent in. A leaflet on ideas for healthy lunches is available. Please let one of us know if you require it. It is important we are mindful of our children with allergies so please make sure that lunchboxes do not contain nuts of any kind.

Clothes

While at nursery, the children have access to both inside and outside throughout the day, in all weather. Please ensure your child is dressed in clothes that are appropriate for the school day and the weather. Please ensure their shoes cover their toes and have a back and are appropriate for them to run, climb and use the scooters and trikes safely. Trainers are safer for children to be able to complete a range of activities during the school day.

Thanks for your support,

The Nursery Team

Headteacher: Mr R Fordham

Deputy Headteacher: Mrs N Broderick Office Manager: Mrs A Collins Safeguarding Leader: Ms D Mann

Assistant Headteachers: Mr J Dymock, Mrs M Johnstone and Mrs R Rhodes