



Welcome to Nursery

September 2025

Start of day: 8:45am End of day: 3:15pm

Early Years Phase Leader

Mrs. Howell

Classes in Early Years

Nursery: Miss Connor and Mrs Wright

Reception: Mrs Howell and Miss Foster

Staff working with your children this year:

Miss Connor

Mrs Wright

Miss Foster

Mrs Dennis

Dear parent/carer,

We wanted to say a big welcome back from all of us in Nursery. All the staff in Nursery are so excited to work with you and your child over the next year. Please remember that all members of staff are happy to speak with you, at any time, over the year regarding the learning and well-being of your child. Do not hesitate to contact us via our online platform (eSchools), by contacting the school office (01740 630270) or through Nursery (01740 630960). Alternatively, we are happy to discuss any issues with you during morning or evening handovers, provided we have additional supervision for our class.

Please find below some important information for this year.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an exciting year ahead.

Nursery Topics:

Autumn 1	All about me!
Autumn 2	Celebration time!
Spring 1	Once upon a time....
Spring 2	Where does my imagination take me?
Summer 1	Living things
Summer 2	Our Environment

During the first half term, we will be focusing on settling the children into school and supporting them to feel happy and safe in their environment. We will also begin our phonics scheme (First Steps to Phonics) and will support children to develop relationships and communication skills.

Essential Nursery 'kit'

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child brings the following items to school:

- A coat
- A water bottle
- A change of clothes in case of a toileting or water accident (including socks/tights and pants).
- A sun hat or cap (if needed).
- Apply sun cream before school (if needed).

Please ensure that all items are named so that we can easily return them to you.

eSchools

We use eSchools to communicate with parent/carers and to share our learning in school. On our Nursery homepage you will find a description of your child's learning each week, with pictures to accompany this. At the top of the page you will find key dates of happenings in school, which will also be written on the whiteboard outside the Nursery classroom. We share our 'Favourite Five,' which we rotate each half term. These are stories we read regularly over that period to nurture a love of literature and help develop your child's vocabulary. Most of you will already have your eSchools login but for those whose children have just started, you will receive your child's login and parent login, if you do not already have this, soon. This will give you access to our homepage and allow you to message us with any queries. We recommend downloading the app, which can notify you with any important messages to ensure you do not miss anything. Please make sure to note down your username and password somewhere safe, especially if you have changed the password yourself, so you can log into eSchools and reduce the amount of accounts that need resetting. Thank you.

Educational Visits

Some of the visits we are organising this year include:

Autumn Term
Autumn Workshop at Hardwick Park
Spring Term
Imaginative Experience
Summer Term
Beach Visit

More information to follow for each.

Home Link Books

In Nursery we have Home Link Books that are kept in a basket in the Nursery cloakroom. In these books, there is key information and we write in a positive comment each week about your child's learning, what they have enjoyed or something they have tried hard with. There will be something for you to read by the end of each week and you are welcome to take these home to read at your leisure. Equally, you can write something positive in from home or a message you would like us to read. Please return this book to the basket if you would like it to be written in.

Library Bus

The Library Bus comes every 2-3 weeks on a Tuesday morning. Nursery walk down to the bus where they enjoy nursery rhymes, songs and stories. At the end of the session the children choose a book to borrow, which they can share with each other over the next few weeks before we go again and swap them.

P.E

The designated day for Nursery to do P.E is Tuesday morning. A P.E kit is not required for Nursery but if you would like your child to attend Nursery wearing jogging bottoms or leggings then you are more than welcome. Nursery take their socks and shoes off for P.E so we ask that you please do not send your child in wearing 'tricky' shoes, such as those with laces as we encourage children to be independent and dress themselves.

At home, you can support your child's learning through simple and fun activities, such as:

- Reading - share your child's favourite stories with them and help them develop a love for literature and storytelling, supporting the development of their communication skills.
- Phonics - help your child identify phase one sounds through listening walks and later to learn the letter sounds, which we will begin in January (Spring 1) that we will share weekly on eSchools.
- Physical Development - Activities to develop strength in their finger muscles and control, such as playdough, colouring, cutting and threading. As well as core strength exercises to support balance.
- Number Recognition and Counting - ordering numbers to 10, try going on a number hunt, counting how many Lego bricks are in a tower or playing a board game.
- PSED - Encouraging turn taking when playing games and sharing. Talking about our feelings and understanding that of others.

If someone different to usual will be collecting your child, please inform us and check that they know the password you chose! We hope that your child continues to enjoy their time in Nursery and we look forward to sharing more about their journey with you.