Nursery NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th November 2026

PROUD TO BE, PROUD TO BELONG

Dear Parents,

This week in the Nursery

Welcome back to the Nursery! We hope that you have all had a happy and restful half term break. So many of the children have happily and confidently come in to the Nursery this week, which has been lovely to see!

This week, the children have been sharing what they did during the half term holiday. We have been making Diwali cards and learning about why our Hindu friends celebrate the festival of Diwali. The children have also begun learning the letter names and sounds of the alphabet. This week we learned the letter name and sound '**s**'. Please look on Tapestry for more information about the letter name and sound that we are teaching each week. A link will be added to Tapestry for the Jolly Phonics song that we are learning each week. Your child will also bring home a worksheet at the end of each week to reinforce the **letter name** and **sound** that they have learnt.

We would really appreciate it if you could talk to your child about the letter names and sounds that we learn in Nursery each week, so that they can begin to remember them.



Many of the parents have been asking about how they can help their child at home. In the Nursery, we are teaching the children to become more independent in their self-help skills. Please encourage your child to take off their coat by themselves and teach them how to put their coat on independently.

If you would like more information about how you can help your child at home, please click on the link below. This is a comprehensive document that details the expectations of what your child should be able to do from birth to the age of 5 years.

https://foundationyears.org.uk/files/2021/09/What-to-expect-in-the-EYFS-complete-FINAL-16.09-compressed.pdf **Please refer to pages 68 and 69 for home learning ideas.**

Cooking Money

The Nursery staff would like to thank the parents who have contributed cooking money to the Nursery this term. As you are aware, we use your contributions to buy cooking and play-dough ingredients, as well as food for the parties that we have to celebrate different festivals throughout the year. The Full Time Nursery staff also buy snacks for the children in their class, as they are in the Nursery for the whole day. If you still need to make your contribution, please put it in a named envelope and give it to a member of the Nursery staff.

£20 – Part Time Nursery
£25 – Full Time Nursery

Thank you.



Over the next few weeks, the children will begin making self-portraits. We will be talking about the features on our faces and reinforcing key vocabulary such as eyes, nose, mouth, lips, ears, eye brows, hair etc. Please help your child to learn these words.
We will also be singing 'body songs' during singing sessions. You can find the following songs on www.youtube.com or you can visit the BBC website for nursery rhymes.

- Heads, Shoulders, Knees & Toes
- Tommy Thumb
- One Finger, One Thumb Keep Moving
- Hokey Cokey



Next week we will be learning:

Personal, Social and Emotional Development:

- To understand how it feels to be proud of something that we are good at. At home, you can talk to your child about the things that they like to do or are really good at.

Communication & Language:

- To understand a question or instruction that has 2 parts, such as "Get your coat and wait at the door."

Literacy:

- The letter name and sound '**a**'.

  E.g. **a**nt, **a**pple, **a**lligator





Please bring in something beginning with the letter/ sound **'a'** to share with the class. Please make sure that you label the items that you bring in, with your name.

Mathematics:

- To say one number for each item in order: 1,2,3,4,5. At home, you could sing number rhymes with your child and encourage them to show the correct number of fingers when singing the songs.
- To be able to match number to quantity.



Physical Development:

- To hold a pencil with a comfortable grip. Many of the children in the Nursery are holding pens and pencils incorrectly. Please help your child to learn to hold a pencil with a comfortable grip, if they do not already know how to do so.



Expressive Arts & Design:

- We will be making a craft linked to the letter and sound 'a'.

Reminders/ Notices:

The School and Nursery is closed on Monday 9th November

Please sign up for an appointment to see your child's keyworker. A link was sent out on the School Ping app earlier this week. Please see the Nursery staff if you did not receive this link. Nursery parent meetings are being held on the week of **16th November 2026, in the PPA room in the main school building.**

Individual photos will be taken by the school photographer on **Thursday 26th November.**

Book bags – The children will be bringing home a book from our book corner on Monday 23rd November. Please make sure that you have either provided a book bag from home or paid £3.00 to purchase a bag from the School. **Your child will not be able to bring home a book from the Nursery unless they have a book bag.**

The Nursery will have Diwali parties on Friday 13th November. You do not need to bring in any food as the Nursery staff will buy the food and juice. Your child may dress in sensible part clothes on this day.

The Nursery staff would like to wish all of the families who celebrate a very Happy Diwali and New Year.

BIRTHDAY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

We want to be able to celebrate birthdays in school, but we need to ensure that we keep everyone safe.

Therefore, this year we are asking that you don't bring in any of the following-



- **NO assorted chocolates of any kind**
- **NO cakes, as they cannot be given out on time**
- **NO nuts of any kind**

Helpful birthday ideas:

- **A book for the class**
- **Bubbles**
- **Party bags**
- **Class plant (of the safe variety)**
- **Party hats**
- **Masks**

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