



# Finches

**Autumn Term 1**

**September/October 2024**

## Welcome to Jennett's Park Primary School!

A warm hello and welcome to all the new children and their families who are joining us in the Nursery class this September. A special welcome back to our five returning families too. We hope you all had a wonderful summer. The staff in the Nursery are very excited to be part of your child's ongoing journey of learning and development. We have loved spending time with and getting to know your children over the last week and look forward to all the exciting things we have planned this year.

The Nursery years are a time for children to explore through play, laying the key foundations for social skills and learning. We invest time in relationship building and developing friendships. We support children's communication skills as they create and extend new friendships, comment on things during play and begin to question things about the world around them.

We will guide and extend children as they learn to make their own choices and decisions in the learning environments.

You may have noticed that rainbows and owls are very important in our school and we will focus upon the Rainbow Promise and the Learning Owl throughout the year. The Rainbow Promise is inspired by the promise God made to Noah, and we promise to always love, care for and support one another, in order to develop and grow together. As a school we embrace living life in all its fullness and promote the positive values of love, honesty, forgiveness, patience, respect, pride, peace, kindness and joy. The Learning Owl embodies the traits used by the most effective of learners—collaboration, perseverance, independence, perseverance, pride, optimism, challenge and the ability to manage distractions.

Please take special note of the dates sections in these half-termly curriculum news and keep your eye on the school website, the newsletter and Nursery Tapestry notifications to ensure you don't miss anything. We always endeavour to keep you informed in good time of events, activities, but sometimes in a busy school environment dates may change. We ask for your understanding if events cannot take place or need to be re-arranged.

As always, if you'd like to talk to one of us about anything, please let us know and we can arrange a time to see you.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Allen, Miss Beardsley, Miss Baker, Mrs Waites, Miss Edwards

## Reminders

**Coats:** *If the weather is likely to turn, please remember to bring a coat for your child. Coats should have hoods so children's outdoor play is not interrupted by rain.*

**Water bottles:** *Your child can help themselves to drinking water throughout the session so please remember to supply a named water bottle.*

**Labels:** *Please remember to keep checking all items of clothing and any bags or bottles are named.*

**Jewellery:** *Jewellery should not be worn at school. Please note that only stud earrings should be worn at any time.*

**Spare clothes:** *Please provide a change of clothes, just in case your child needs to change at Nursery.*

**Library:** *Please bring bags and library books to Nursery on a Monday. Each week your child will bring home a book from school to share with you at home.*

**Arrivals:** *If the Nursery gate is closed when you arrive, please use the top door bell on the wooden fence.*

## Transition

Your children have been amazing during their recent transition into Nursery.

We have been impressed with their confidence during transition visits and when playing and exploring on their own without a parent. The children are building relationships with adults and peers, and are beginning to learn some of the key Nursery routines.

You should be so proud of them all!

## Tapestry

Thank you to everyone who has activated their Tapestry account. We hope you are enjoying seeing some of the learning your children access each week.

If you have not yet activated your account, and are having any difficulties doing so, please speak to one of us at drop off/pick up. Original activation codes sent will expire after a fixed amount of time.



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## What can I do at home?

### Communication and Language

Remind me of the words and phrases that might help me when I am at Nursery. Words and phrases like: Hello. Goodbye. Good morning. Good afternoon. How are you? Please. Thank you. Please can I play? Would you like to play with me? Can I have a turn now please? I need some help. I need the toilet.

Ask me a little about my day and encourage me to talk about my new friends at home. Encourage me to talk, but don't pressure me. I might not feel like talking right now; maybe try again later.

Challenge: Have you learnt a new word? Can you teach us your word and what it means so we can "magpie" it?

### Reading Autumn 1

#### Book Suggestions: Books about starting Nursery/school



### Phonics

*General Sound Discrimination – Environmental Sounds.*

Aim: To develop children's listening skills and awareness of sounds in the environment

What sounds can you hear on the way to Nursery and on the way home from Nursery?

Can you listen for something louder? Something quieter?

## Important Dates—Autumn 1 2023

**Wednesday 25th September** —School Open Evening

**Friday 27th September**—Cardboard Challenge Day

**October**—Black History Month

**Wednesday 9th October**—Individual Photographs

**TBC** - Nursery stay and Play

**October Dates TBC**—more information to follow:

## Term Dates 2023-2024

**Thursday 24th October —Friday 1st November:** Autumn half term

**Monday 4th November:** School re-opens, Autumn Term 2

**Thursday 19th December:** Nursery last day of term, normal time. *Please note that the rest of the school finish at 1.30pm on Friday 20th December.*

**Monday 6th January:** INSET, School Closed

**Tuesday 7th January:** School re-opens, Spring Term 1

**Monday 17th—Friday 21st February:** Spring half term

**Monday 24th February:** School re-opens, Spring Term 2

**Thursday 3rd April:** Nursery last day of term, normal time. *Please note that the rest of the school finish at 1.30pm on Friday 4th April.*

**Tuesday 22nd April:** School re-opens, Summer Term 1

**Monday 5th May:** Bank Holiday, School closed

**Monday 26th May—Friday 30th May:** Summer half term

**Monday 2nd June:** School re-opens, Summer Term 2

**Wednesday 16th July:** Nursery last day of term. *Please note, as usual, the rest of the school finish the following week, on Friday 18th July at 1:30pm.*



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## Nursery Autumn Term 1: This is Me!

Week	Key Stimuli for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1	Transition	Transition visits
Week 2	Starting School Stories Building relationships Nursery routines and songs	Stay and Play on my own for 1 hour
Week 3	Nursery routines Making Friends	
Week 4	Listening and attention skills Talk time/all about me	Cardboard challenge day Open evening
Week 5	Key Text: Owl Babies Owl Learner Characteristics	Black History month starts
Week 6	Key Text: Noah's Ark The Rainbow Promise Values	School photos
Week 7	Harvest Cooking with Autumn foods	
Week 8	Signs of Autumn	Stay and Play

