



Nursery

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Finches News

A warm hello and welcome to all the new children and their families who are joining us in the Nursery class this September. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and the staff in the Nursery are very excited to be part of your child's 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.

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

Owl Learning Values

Challenge	Optimism
Collaboration	Pride
Independence	Perseverance
Managing Distractions	



Rainbow Values

Forgiveness	Love
Patience	Honesty
Support	Respect
Kindness & Joy	Peace



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.



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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 incase 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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Important Dates - Autumn 1 2025

Friday 26th September - Cardboard Challenge Day

Monday 29th September - School photographs

October - Black History Month

Wednesday 1st October - School Open Evening

Friday 10th October - #HellowYellow Day

Wednesday 22nd October - Nursery Stay and Play

Term Dates 2025-2026

Thursday 23rd October to Friday 31st October - Autumn Half Term

Monday 3rd November - School re-opens, Autumn Term 2

Thursday 18th December - Nursery last day of term, normal time. Please note that the rest of the school finish at 1.30pm on Friday 19th December.

Monday 5th January - INSET, school closed.

Tuesday 6th January - School re-opens, Spring Term 1

Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February - Spring Half Term

Monday 23rd February - School re-opens, Spring Term 2

Thursday 26th March - Nursery last day of Term, normal time. Please note that the rest of the school finish at 1.30pm on Friday 27th March.

Monday 13th April - School re-opens, Summer Term 1

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday, School Closed

Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May - Summer Half Term

Monday 1st June - School re-opens, Summer Term 2

Wednesday 15th July - Nursery last day of term. Please note, as usual, the rest of the school finish on Friday 17th July at 1:30pm.



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5 Things To Do At Home to Help Your Child:

- 1.** 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.
- 2.** 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.
- 3.** Singing Nursery rhymes at home to help develop language skills. These can include number Nursery rhymes like '1,2,3,4,5 Once I Caught A Fish Alive' to help with mathematical language.
- 4.** Reading with your child each day and getting them engaged with stories. Some of our story recommendations to help with the transition into Nursery include: 'Goat Goes To Playgroup', 'This is the way we go to school', 'Maisy Goes To Nursery', 'Lulu's First Day' and 'Find Spot At Nursery'.
- 5.** Developing your child'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?



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Nursery Autumn Term 1: This is Me!

Week	Key Stimuli for Learning	Upcoming Dates for Diary
Week 1	Transition Settling into Nursery	Stay and Play Transition Visits
Week 2	Learning Nursery routines Starting School Stories Building relationships	
Week 3	Building friendships	Friday 26 th – Cardboard Challenge Day
Week 4	Listening and Attention skills Talk Time/My Family	Monday 29 th September – School photos Wednesday 1 st October – Black History Month Starts Wednesday 1 st October – School Open Evening Friday 10 th - #HellowYellow Day
Week 5	Key Text: Owl Babies Owl Learner Characteristics	
Week 6	Key Text: Noah's Ark The Rainbow Promise Values	
Week 7	Harvest/Cooking with Autumn foods	Wednesday 22 nd October – Harvest Stay and Play