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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
Collaboration
Independence
Managing Distractions
Optimism
Pride
Perseverance



Rainbow Values

Forgiveness
Patience
Support
Kindness & Joy
Love
Honesty
Respect
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 25th September - Cardboard Challenge Day
Monday 28th September - School photographs
Wednesday 30th September - School Open Evening
October - Black History Month
Friday 9th October - #HellowYellow Day
Friday 16th October - Show Racism the Red Card
Wednesday 21st October - Harvest Stay and Play

Term Dates 2026-2027

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October- Autumn Half Term

Monday 2nd November - INSET, school closed

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

Thursday 17th December - Nursery last day of term, normal time. Please note that the rest of the school finish at 1.30pm on Friday 18th December.

Monday 4th January - INSET, school closed.

Tuesday 5th January - School re-opens, Spring Term 1

Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February - Spring Half Term

Monday 22nd February - School re-opens, Spring Term 2

Wednesday 24th March- Nursery last day of Term, normal time. Please note that the rest of the school finish at 1.30pm on Thursday 25th March

Monday 12th April - School re-opens, Summer Term 1

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday, School Closed

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June - Summer Half Term

Monday 7th June - School re-opens, Summer Term 2

Wednesday 14th July- Nursery last day of term. Please note, as usual, the rest of the school finish on Friday 16th 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?

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	Friday 25th - Cardboard challenge day
Week 5	Key Text: Owl Babies Owl Learner Characteristics	Thursday 1st October - Black History Month starts Monday 28th – Individual School Photographs Wednesday 30th – Open Evening
Week 6	Key Text: Noah's Ark The Rainbow Promise Values	Friday 9th - #HellowYellowDay
Week 7	Harvest Cooking with Autumn foods	Friday 16th – Show Racism the Red Card
Week 8	Signs of Autumn	Wednesday 21st - Harvest Stay and Play

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