

Welcome to Nursery

Welcome to Nursery! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer break. In this letter I will outline some information that may be useful to you. Feel free to catch us at the end of the day if you have any further questions. We look forward to a fantastic year together. Keep an eye on tapestry for photos of your children settling into Nursery.

Many thanks, Miss Binding

What to bring to Nursery each day

Children need to bring a named water bottle (sports cap) each day as well as their lunch box if they are having a packed lunch. You are welcome to leave a small bag on your child's peg containing spare clothes. Please ensure your child has a sunhat and raincoat on sunny/rainy days as we go out to play whatever the weather. You will need to apply sun cream to your child before they arrive at Nursery. Please label all of your child's belongings as items do sometimes go missing.

Clothing

Children should wear comfortable clothes which allows them to move freely throughout the day. Children can choose to wear a school t-shirt, a school jumper and/or fleece if they would like. Uniform is completely optional and can be purchased at the Togs store in Nailsea. Trainers with Velcro or croc style shoes are preferred as they can be wiped clean easily. Your child is more than welcome to wear wellies on very wet days. Please name all items (especially uniform) as it makes it easier to be returned if misplaced. Toileting accidents do happen (often quite frequently to begin with) and so we would be grateful if you could bring multiple spares to keep in your child's bag including additional socks and pants. A carrier bag is also useful for the wet items.

Curriculum map

At the beginning of each term I will send home a curriculum map which outlines some of the learning we will be exploring during the term. These are things you can support your child with at home too.

Arriving at school

We encourage children to come into the classroom independently each morning. As soon as they arrive they can enjoy the provision both inside and outside the classroom. The Nursery day starts at 8.50am. Children can arrive between 8.45 and 8.50. Miss Binding will greet you at the door.

Collecting your child

The end of the Nursery day is between 3pm and 3.15pm. Please press the buzzer inside the Early Years entrance to let someone know you have arrived. Please try to be prompt as the Reception class will be exiting through the same door at 3.20 and so you will be unable to collect your child at this time. If you are running late please contact the school office. If you would like your child to do half days during the initial settling in fortnight, you can collect your child after lunch at 12.30pm, please just let us know in the morning.

NAP Club

If your child is attending NAP – our after school play club, Mrs Williams will collect your child from the Nursery classroom along with the Reception children to ensure a smooth transition at the end of the day.

Communication Book

This year we are introducing a small communication book. This communication book will stay in your child's bag on their peg and will therefore go home with the child each evening. If there is something you'd like us to know at the start of the day, for example if your child didn't manage to have breakfast or if they've had a disruptive night, then pop it in the book and hand it to us at the door. Once the children are all settled we will read any messages in the books. If we have written anything for you to read, perhaps about toileting or lunchtime, then we will give you the book in person at the end of the day. If there are no messages, the book will remain in your child's bag. If your child is attending NAP club then you will need to check the book after school. We are of course happy to talk to you about anything in person, we just often feel the start and end of the day are particularly busy times and sometimes tricky for the children and so we'd like to make these transitions as seamless as possible. 😊

Tapestry

In Nursery we follow the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework. Some of the children's learning will be recorded through photographs and observations into their online learning diaries. These will be posted onto your child's tapestry account which you can view. Feel free to upload photos of home learning, wow moments and milestones for us to celebrate in Nursery. Please let me know if you are unable to access Tapestry and please return the slip with your chosen email address if you haven't yet done so.

School website

We have a class page on the school website which you will have access to (the password was included in your welcome pack). Here I upload copies of all the letters which I send home including our curriculum maps. I usually email these out to parents as well. There will also be photographs on the website of the children's learning and other useful information.

Junk Modelling & Playdough

We love using recycled materials to create models and artwork. If you have any clean toilet/kitchen rolls, yoghurt pots and egg boxes, we would love to utilise them in Nursery. We'd also be very grateful for any donations of play dough ingredients including salt, flour and oil. Thank you in advance!

Safeguarding

If someone else is collecting your child at the end of the school day please make sure you have given that information to myself and the school office.

School office: 01275540077

Contacting us

If you need to contact me (Miss Binding), you can email the Nursery account, otherwise the team are here to help 😊

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