



Our Learning

The caterpillars have arrived!



Part of our learning about understanding the world is to notice and talk about the similarities and differences between living things, materials and growth, predicting what might happen and why. Observing first hand the life cycle of a butterfly brings this learning to life. Our caterpillars arrived today! They will grow fast eating the food they have in their little pot and next week the children will learn about the stages that the caterpillars will go through before emerging as butterflies.



Mr Bones returned!

Vanisha returned in her role as an Osteopath on Wednesday, along with Mr Bones! As you will know, we have been learning about healthy living over the last two weeks. One of the objectives was to recognise how our bodies feel when we exercise. Vanisha showed the children how our lungs expand when we breathe and the position of our lungs in our bodies. She also demonstrated how nasal mucous protects our noses from materials such as dust and allergens. The children then tested the use of their breath by blowing through straws to move their ping pong ball!

Thank you to Vanisha for all your time and resources.



Thank you to all parents and carers who are putting water inside their child's water bottles instead of juice. We have explained to the children about what our teeth need to remain healthy and we really appreciate your support in helping them to start to think about healthy living at home too.



Staffing News

As we approach the end of the academic year we say goodbye to staff members as they move on to have new adventures.

Miss Midaoui is leaving us to begin her teaching career at Furze Platt Infant School. Miss Midaoui has worked in the federation for 5 years and we have watched her flourish and grow as an early years educator. We wish her lots of luck and hope that she will keep in touch with us.

We welcome Mrs Stevenson to our team in September as an Early Years Practitioner. Mrs Stevenson joins us from The Lawns Nursery School and we are looking forward to her joining us at Cookham Nursery School as she will bring a wealth of experience.

Staffing in September:

Yellow Group - Miss O' Regan

Green Group - Miss Cottle

Purple Group - Miss Harrison

Mrs. Greenwood as Deputy Headteacher will support all children in the classroom alongside Mrs Turner, Mrs Henwood, Mrs Finnis, Mrs Stevenson, Mr Wilson and Mrs Paternoster.

Dates for your Diaries

Wednesday 26th June - PC Lorraine Holmes comes with her Police van

Wednesday 10th July - Basils Barnyard Farm visits today

Wednesday 17th July at 11.15am/ Thursday 18th July at 2.15pm - end of term singing. The Children would love to share some of the songs they have learnt this year. *It would be lovely if you could attend one of the days.*

Wednesday 24th July - End of term at 11.45am. No lunch club session today.

Tuesday 3rd September - INSET day.

Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September - Nursery closed. Home visits for new children.

Monday 9th September - New children visit Nursery.

Tuesday 10th September - All children return to Nursery. New children have staggered starts.

Starting School



Moving on to big school will be an exciting and sometimes worrying time for children. 'Five to Thrive' can be a helpful way to support your child's emotional well being and resilience at any time in their journey through their early years. These are the daily "Five to Thrive" points -

Respond "I feel scared if I get no response from you. When you look at me with kindness I feel safe. Being close to you helps me to feel safe."

Engage "When I am close to you, connections are building in my brain. This will help me to start to control my own emotions as I grow."

Relax "If you can find ways to relax when you are with me, you can make a big difference to the way my brain works and it helps me to relax too."

Play "I need you to make life interesting for me. Toys are great but the best toy in the world is you!"

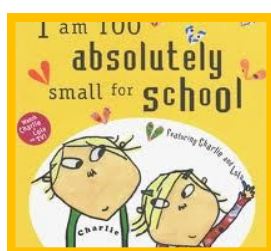
Talk "I love it when you take notice of what I am communicating to you. It helps me feel that I am a real person who matters."

<https://fivetothrive.org.uk/>

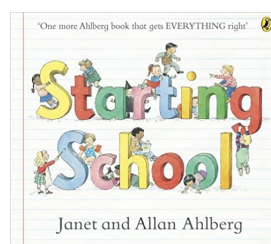
Transition Book Recommendations

Starting school is a big milestone in any child's life – not to mention a parent/carer's too. Sharing stories about starting school can really help to open up conversations and allay fears.

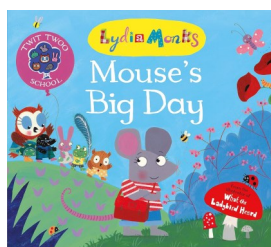
Here are three engaging stories and picture books about starting school to help prepare your child for their first day.



An amusing story exploring Lola's reluctance to go to school and how her older brother Charlie helps her overcome her worries.



This story is a reassuring read to help you and your child get ready for their first day of school and the year ahead.



A lovely story about Mouse, Frog, Rabbit, Mole, Owl and their teacher, Miss Hoot, on Mouse's first day at school.