



The Lawns Nursery School Newsletter September 2024

We have had a busy start to the Autumn term welcoming back our new and existing children and families. The children are already learning so much, building relationships and having lots of fun!

All the staff have been getting to know the new children and their families firstly with home and Nursery visits and then taking time to get to know the children while they settle in. For some children it can take a little longer and we will always work with you to help your child to feel confident, relaxed and happy in our setting.

It is important that we take the time to learn from you as parents and carers as you are the experts on your children, so please talk to us whenever you can and tell us about their favourite Nursery activities and what they say about Nursery at home.

We have been focusing on teaching the children our three Nursery Rules.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE



By ready we mean ready to learn (looking, listening), ready for group time (in right place), ready to go outside (coats, hats).

By respectful we mean being kind to each other, sharing, looking after the environment, saying please and thank you, looking after our pets, looking after toys and books.

By safe we mean sensible walking inside, handling tools carefully, telling an adult if something looks or feels uncomfortable, using outdoor equipment sensibly, having kind hands.

We explore their meaning with the children and will be referring to the rules constantly in our positive behaviour management strategies e.g. "Remember we need to walk inside to be safe", "Remember you need your coat to be ready for outside", "Remember you need to share to be respectful" etc. It would be great if you could also use these words at home. linked to your own household rules.

We will also continue to give lots of verbal praise to those children who always go **OVER AND ABOVE** our usual expectations.

The children have been practising at school using lanyards just like the adults!

We are often asked for advice on aspects of children's behaviour at home. Please come and chat to us if you have any worries or concerns.



Reminders



- * Please try and name all clothing. This helps us to return coats, hats and other items to their owners.
- * Please be prompt at collection time; staff have a very short lunchtime and meetings to attend after school.
- * Please bring in nappies/baby wipes and spare clothes if your child requires them.
- * Please ensure your child wears clothes that allow easy access to the toilet. Tracksuit bottoms or leggings are preferable to tighter skinny jeans.
- * Please make sure that your child wears shoes that are safe to climb in. Velcro trainers are ideal but please avoid crocs, flip flops etc.
- * Please telephone the Nursery on the first day of absence if your child is unable to attend. The current advice from health professionals is that children should be clear from the symptoms of a stomach bug for 48 hours before they return to Nursery. Tel: 01753 865351 option 1
- * Please can we remind all parents and carers that we operate a no mobile phone policy within the Nursery for safeguarding reasons.
- * If your mobile number changes please update us with an emergency contact asap.
- * Please can we ask that older children do not play on the outside equipment at the end of the sessions, thank you.
- * Please check your emails or our website for reminders, letters, weekly update and newsletters. Please click [here](#) to access the website.

Communication With Parents

In order to keep you informed of upcoming events in Nursery we email monthly newsletters and the weekly update (which are also added to our website). Please check your emails regularly and let us know if your email address changes.

We are happy to chat to parents at any time but it can be difficult at drop off and pick up times as we are with the children. Please do pass on quick messages but if you want a longer chat please ask and we can arrange a time.

We will also organise a time to discuss your child's progress and share their learning map with you each term, this will be arranged with you individually. Please share any photos or examples of your child's learning at home with their key person so that they can be included in their learning journey folder and help us to plan for their interests and fascinations.

We really value our home-school links with parents so will be attaching an information sheet on how we will be informing you of your child's learning at Nursery.

Dates for your diaries



Monday 30th September - Friday 4th October - Harvest collection for Windsor Foodshare. Please bring any non-perishable food items that you are happy to donate this week.

Friday 25th October - Term ends for the October half term.

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024 - Half term.

Monday 4th November - Inset Day - Nursery closed.

Tuesday 5th November - Children return to Nursery.

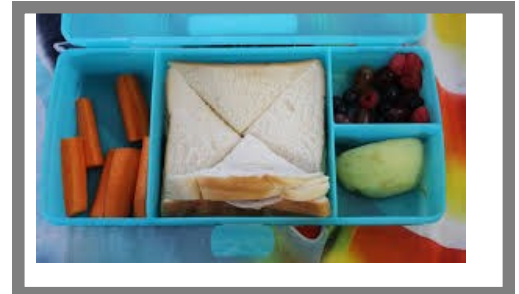
Wednesday 20th November - Shooting Star theatre company perform 'Search for Santa!'

Wednesday 27th November - Come and Play, more details to follow.

Friday 20th December - Term ends at 11:45am, there is no lunch club or afternoon session today.

Lunch Club

If your child stays for lunch club please ensure that their lunch box contents are as healthy as possible. We would ideally recommend a sandwich or a small container of a pasta, rice or couscous based dish, a yoghurt and some fruit, if lunch boxes are overfilled the children can be a bit overwhelmed by the choices presented. We provide milk or water to drink so there is no need to pack a drink - they also tend to leak quite easily and make sandwiches very soggy and unappealing.



ALLERGIES — Some children suffer from a severe nut allergy and we need all parents/carers to assist in keeping them safe. Please make sure that your child's lunch box **DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY NUT PRODUCTS**. Thank you.

Snack times - We offer a choice of healthy snacks each day and milk and water to drink. Please bring in donations of fruit or food such as a bag of apples/carrots or a pack of breadsticks every couple of weeks and place them in the basket in the library, thank you.

Speech Technique of the Month

In the coming weeks we will be helping children to develop the skills they need to get the most out of their time at The Lawns. They will be:

- Learning where everything is so that they can access toys, equipment and activities independently.
- Learning how to pour their own drinks and wash their hands before having a snack.
- Practising taking off and putting on their own coats, jumpers, shoes and wellies.
- Learning how to take themselves to the toilet if already trained.
- Learning each others' names and the skills needed to share and take into account other peoples ideas, likes and dislikes.

Our older children, who are already experts at Nursery life, will be encouraged to help the new children and will be, we're sure, excellent role models for them.

We also focus on a 'Speech Technique of the Month' which we would encourage you to practise at home too. September's speech technique is 'OWL'. This stands for:

Observe

Wait

Listen ... **THEN RESPOND IMMEDIATELY!**



Ideas to Support your Child's Learning at Home

We are often asked by parents for advice on how to support their child's learning at home. Ways in which learning can be supported on an on-going basis include:-

*Sharing books at every opportunity and having lots of great conversations with your child.

*Encourage your child to develop their gross motor skills including, climbing, jumping and balancing. Encouraging your child to use toys and tools that help to develop their hand-eye co-ordination and control. Examples include small threading beads, small lego, lacing/sewing cards, using tweezers to pick up small objects, the use of scissors and appropriate cooking utensils. Developing fine and gross motor skills will support your child physically when they are beginning to make marks and write.

*Young children can recognise numbers of things without counting, this is called subitising. You can help your child begin to see pattern in number and start to understand the concept of addition and subtraction by helping them to see amounts of similar sized, coloured and shaped objects to 3 while you're out and about, eg daisies. We don't count we 'see the amount' and we talk about what is '3 and not 3.' Ask your child 'what do you see?' instead of 'how many?' Number rhymes are also really important for teaching ordinality in number.



The Lawns Nursery Team

- Mrs. Sarah Cottle is the Executive Headteacher across all three Nursery Schools. Mrs. Cottle splits her time between Cookham Nursery School, Maidenhead Nursery School and The Lawns Nursery School
- Erin Hare is the Deputy Headteacher and will be supporting all of the staff and children in the Nursery.
- Sarah Jones is the key person for Blue group.
- Christina King and Alex Crewe are the co-key people for Green group.
- Mandy Hann is the key person for Yellow group.
- Francesca Owers and Becky Flavelle are the co-key people for Red group.
- Kam Saggi is the key person for Purple group.
- Georgia Payne-Adler, Linda McFarlane, Beatrice Pawley, Chloe Wise, Berni Coker, Shona Stevenson, Pilar Infante and Estela Ameiva help to support all children.
- Berni Coker and Chloe Wise are 1:1 support assistants.
- Liz Lofts and Sam Donaldson work in the school office.
- Our lunch club assistants are Pamela Bempong, Hannah White and Sabine Levault.
- Our SENco is Sasha Patrick who works across all schools in the Federation.

Early Years Pupil Premium

Your child may qualify for additional support with their education if you are claiming any of the following:

Universal Credit (earnings below £7,400), Income Support, Income based Jobseeker Allowance, Employment & Support Allowance, Child Tax Credit, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit or Working Tax Credit.

If you think you might be eligible for this, please see Liz or Sam in the office for a form.



Throughout the year we like to support various charity events such as Children in Need, Comic Relief and Sports Relief. We also hold a sponsored sports event once a school year in the summer term.

We teach the children about the needs of others through our fundraising and the importance of being kind to each other and helping each other. The money that parents so kindly help us to raise for the Nursery has provided many of the fantastic resources that you see in use such as the woodwork bench, climbing net, science equipment and books.

We also like to hold a Christmas and Easter raffle and we would be grateful for any help that you may be able to offer us to help make these events a success, thank you.

