



## The Lawns Pre-Nursery Newsletter Autumn 1 2025

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 Pre-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.

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### The Lawns Pre-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.
- Ellen Gray, Sue Ellis, Lu Harrison, Eliza Bean, Hannah White, Hannah Chand, Mandy Hann, Beatrice Bradford, Rosie Purba, Immi Strachan, Sam Donaldson, Sabine Lavault, Sammy Baxter, Laura Bushell and Pilar Infante help to support all children.  
Liz Lofts and Sam Donaldson work in the school office.
- Our SENco is Sacha Patrick who works across all schools in the Federation.

### Book Recommendation

The Owl Babies by Martin Waddell is a great story to read at home to support your child starting Pre-Nursery. Many children will experience some anxiety when separating from their parent or carer, even if they are excited to come to Nursery. The story conveys the feeling of being overwhelmed and provides an opportunity to talk about the natural and common feeling of missing a loved one through simple, repetitive text and beautiful illustrations.



## 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 enable them to access the curriculum and allow easy access to the toilet. The children spend time outside everyday and need to be free to climb, jump and move.
- \* 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.
- \* 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 children do not play on the outside equipment at the end of the sessions, thank you.
- \* Please check emails or our website for reminders, letters, weekly planning and newsletters. Please click [HERE](#) view our newsletters on our website.

## 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 to complete.

## Communication With Parents

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## Lunch and Snacks

We teach the children about staying healthy through eating well, playing outside, washing our bodies, brushing our teeth and going to bed!

Thank you for all your fruit and vegetables that you give us for snack time.

Thank you also for making the children's packed lunches healthy. It's best not to overfill their lunch boxes as this can be a bit overwhelming. Please remember to cut grapes and cherry tomatoes as these are a potential choking hazard.

Please only put water in water bottles rather than juice.

**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.



## Dates for your diaries



We will be having a Harvest collection for Windsor Foodshare from Monday 6th October until Friday 17th October. Please bring any non-perishable food items that you are happy to donate.

**Thursday 23rd October 2025** - Term ends (normal session times)

**Friday 24th October 2025** - Staff training day, Nursery is closed

**Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October** - October holiday

**Monday 3rd November** - Staff training day. Nursery closed

**Tuesday 4th November** - All children return to Nursery

**Friday 19th December** - Term ends at 11:45am