



WELCOME!

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.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

In order to keep you informed of upcoming events in Nursery we email half-termly 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 it can be very busy! Please do pass on any messages but if you want a longer chat please ask your key person and we can arrange a time.

We will also organise a time to discuss your child's progress and share their learning with you each term. 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.

LEARNING

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 Nursery 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.



Ready



Respectful



Safe



A book that we will be using regularly at Nursery is called 'Ruby's Worries' by Tom Percival.

It is a brilliant book to help children share their worries and start to identify and talk about their feelings. As our children settle at Nursery they will experience a range of emotions and this is the perfect story to encourage them to talk.

In our environment we have some soft 'worries' like the ones in the book, which the children can hold, in a calm quiet area with an adult to support them if they need. The children also enjoy exploring our worry stones too. We will support children to talk about how they feel and find the vocabulary to describe their emotions.



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 supports all of the staff and children in the Nursery.

Rachel Hooker is the Assistant Head and supports all of the staff and children in the Nursery.

Our SENco is Sacha Patrick who works across all schools in the Federation.

Sarah Jones and Estela Amieva are the co-key people for Dragonfly group.

Christina King and Cesca Owers are the co-key people for Grasshopper group.

Becky Flavelle is the key person for Ladybird group.

Kam Saggu is the key person for Butterfly group.

Linda McFarlane, Beatrice Bradford, TJ Jones, Shona Stevenson, Berni Coker, Pilar Infante, Mariam Bluck, Sara Spires, Naomi Bosher, Sammy Baxter, Sabine Levault, Hannah Chand, Ree Lloyd and Viviane Callaway help to support all children.

Liz Lofts and Sam Donaldson work in the school office.



DIARY DATES



Friday 16th October - Health and nutrition parent workshop

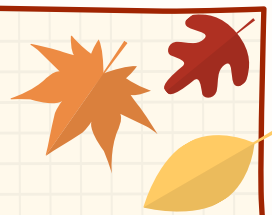
Friday 23rd October 2026 - Term ends (normal session times)

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - October holiday

Monday 2nd November - Staff training day. Nursery closed

Tuesday 3rd November - All children return to Nursery

Friday 18th December - Term ends at 11:45am





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.

*Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible! Please support them to carry their own bags and coats to and from Nursery.

*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 join us for our Autumn Parent Workshop. Abby Read will be sharing information and answering questions about health including toilet training, fussy eating and caring for your children's teeth. All parents are welcome, please sign up in the office.



Parent Workshop Health, Nutrition and Toilet Training 16th October 2026 at 9.30am



With Abby Read
From the Best Start Family Hub

To book a place
please see Sam
or Liz in the
Office.



Abby Read
Early Years Lead
I am passionate
about working with
parents in the early
years to give children
the best start in life



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

LUNCH AND SNACKS

For more information ask your key
person for our lunch box
information leaflet

Please only put water
in water bottles
rather than juice.
Please do not put juice
or sugary drinks in
packed lunches.

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.

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