

Welcome to Nursery 2026-27





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Staffing

Teacher: Mrs Hall

Teaching Assistants:

2 year olds

Miss Tilney, Mrs Gittins

3 year olds

Mrs Davis, Mrs Moralee, Miss Van Cliff, Miss Oksana,
Miss Punshon



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This half term...

We will be settling in to our new routines, learning how to use each area in Nursery and how to get along with the people around us.

We have daily group times, lots of singing and stories and, most importantly, lots of time to learn through play!

During the school day, adults will play alongside your child, assessing their understanding and planning for the experiences they need to move them on in their learning.



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A typical session in Nursery

8:45	Doors open
9:15	Hello Time
9:30	Free flow play
10:45	Story
10:55	Tidy up Time
11:05	Group Time
11:20	Lunch/snack
11:45	End of session



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Special days

Forest school sessions will be on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons.

On Tuesday afternoons, Miss Richardson will be in Nursery.

On Wednesday mornings, Mr Mcloughlin will be in Nursery.

On Thursday mornings, we will have a music session with Mrs Knighton.



What does my child need?



- A pair of wellies to keep in school
- A drawstring bag with spare clothes, including lots of socks
- A coat with a loop for hanging - tie a piece of string through the loop to make hanging up coats easier for your child
- Names clearly marked on EVERYTHING!



Toilet training



Most children starting Nursery are toilet trained but we still expect lots of accidents in the early days as they get used to new routines. We have spare clothes but it helps if children also have their own spare clothes available. Please check your child's bag daily and replenish as necessary.

If your child still needs support with toilet training, we will talk this through with you and put together a plan to support your child to succeed.

If your child is in nappies/pull ups, you must provide spare nappies, wipes and nappy bags in your child's spare clothes bag. Please keep these stocked up.

Further help and advice can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/babys-development/potty-training-and-bedwetting/>

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



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Evidence Me

We use Evidence Me to record 'wow' moments in the children's learning and as evidence for the staff to support our assessments. Sometimes it is used to share activities you could do at home, or to share experiences your child has had in school which they might like to talk to you about. Please do not expect us to post something about your child every week. We prioritise spending time interacting with your child and teaching them over recording evidence!

Evidence Me can also be used by you to let us know about any 'wow' moments at home. We love to share the children's achievements and it helps us to know them even better.



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Uniform

Children in Nursery need to be comfortable and able to move freely. Leggings/joggers are advised.

Children need named wellies in school - we will send them home at the end of each term to be checked and replaced if necessary.

Please name everything clearly. Shoes are especially difficult to match to the right child if they are not named.

Please supply a change of clothes for your child in case of accidents/spills. Your child will get dirty clothes in school. It shows they are having fun! Don't forget to include plenty of socks - we are always running out of spares.



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Lunchtimes

Please ensure that you have submitted your child's lunch choices on Arbor.

It is helpful if you can tell them what they will be having for lunch each day to help prepare them.

Staff are with your child when they eat, encouraging them and supporting their table skills. You can help by encouraging them to use a knife and fork at home.

We will let you know if your child is struggling at lunch times. You may need to amend your menu choices over the course of the year.

If your child has a packed lunch, please remember that sweets/chocolates are not allowed in school. Teach them how to open bags/boxes in advance to help their independence.



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Medication/absence

Medication should be handed in to the office. We can only give prescribed medication in school.

All absences should be reported to the office as soon as possible - any requests for absence need to be submitted to Mrs Davis.

If your child is ill, they should not attend school.

If your child has had diarrhea or vomiting, they must be clear of it for 48 hours before returning to school.



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What can I do at home to help?

Talk to your child about what they have enjoyed at school - try to keep it positive!

Help them to learn how to put on their own shoes and coats and how to take off a jumper themselves. Being able to do these things independently helps them feel more confident in school.

Sing nursery rhymes and share stories with them.

Limit screen time - they learn so much more from talking to you than they will from a screen!

We will share ideas for activities you can do at home to support their school learning throughout the year.



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Contacting us

For any issues, please speak to a member of staff either on the gate or by email:

s.hall@lanchesterep.net

You can make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher in person or by telephone if you need a longer discussion.

Parent Evenings will be held at the end of this half-term to update on your child's progress.

Communication is key - please ask if you have any worries or concerns. We want your child to be safe, happy and learning - just as you do!