

Nursery Newsletter Spring Term 2026

Welcome back after Christmas and New Year. We hope you had a lovely time with your family and friends and enjoyed the time off school. This half term we see the arrival of our January intake. Please note that these children are very young (they have only just turned 3 years old) and some may have left their family for the very first time. If you see any tears, this is completely normal and we are confident the children will settle in to school very soon.

We have included as much information in this newsletter for the next term's activities so please keep this for reference. You can also consult the website for different dates and remember that we are always here to answer any questions.

Mrs George, Mrs Riley, Miss Palmer, Mrs Cowell, Miss Maddocks, Mrs Gallimore, Miss Bresnahan, Mrs Maslin -Barr, Miss Traylor, Miss Baxter and Mrs Badcock.

Speaking to the teacher

We operate an open door policy where we encourage you to tell us anything that will help us teach your child with maximum impact every day.

It is also important to note that during the hours of school time, the teachers **MUST** be teaching and supervising your children. This means that they will need to go in with their children after the class line up. This is to ensure that all children are safe and we maximise the learning time.

There are support staff to pass on a message or you can leave a message at the office.

We thank you with your support with this.

The gates will be locked at 9.05am so please ensure that you have left the playground.

Reception places

Just a reminder that the Reception school place deadline for application is **15th January 2026**.

If you have not applied please go online **NOW** and apply for your child's place as the portal will close and only open later for late applications.

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/apply-for-a-school-place>

Staffing

Please feel free to speak to any member of the team in Nursery:

Mrs George - Deputy Headteacher/Early Years Leader

Mrs Riley - Teacher

Miss Palmer - Teacher

Mrs Cowell - Teacher

Miss Bresnahan - Teacher

Mrs Maslin-Barr- LSA

Miss Maddocks - LSA

Mrs Gallimore - LSA

Miss Traylor - LSA

Miss Baxter - SALT assistant

Mrs Badcock - Speech and Language Therapist

Office

The office will be open **8.00am - 3.30pm**. Please leave a message on the answering machine out of these times.

If your child is going to be off school, you must ring and leave a message.

Independence

As your child progresses through nursery, the teachers will speak to you about working with us to help them achieve higher. One of the main things to develop is independence. Please teach your child how to take off/put on their jumpers, coats, shoes and prepare them for growing up. This can save time and will help with any lost clothing!

If you are struggling to help your child with toilet training, please speak with a **health visitor** who can offer you in home support and strategies. **Phone number: 0161 835 6789**

Topics

Your child will be learning about jungle animals before February Half term, then minibeasts in Spring 2 in Nursery. Please help them by sharing these stories with them, and asking questions about characters of the stories so that they can begin to remember some.

It is really important to develop your child's vocabulary, so any reading and naming activities would be very beneficial for your child.

Parent courses

School offer free online self directed study courses using the Solihull approach, to help with any worries for parenting such as relationships, child development and behaviours. There are a few different courses offered.

Go to the togetherness website:

<https://togetherness.co.uk/pathway-library/>

Often, you will have needed to have completed this course before other services will get involved so school would strongly recommend this as your first port of call.

Please speak to a member of the pastoral team if you have any problems.

Reading

Your child must bring their book bag every Monday, they will be returned on Tuesday. Please read for 5 minutes each night with your child - it makes the world of difference, and helps to develop your child's skills in many areas.

Lunches

Please ensure that you continue with sending your child to school with a healthy lunch, a drink of water (flavoured water is acceptable) and ensure that this is in a food bag/container.

School staff will continue to check lunches each morning and will speak to you if you need to change anything. The point of this is that the Government guidelines state that staff must promote healthy eating and actively encourage this.

Pastoral

Our pastoral team are here to help with any worries you may have - attendance, financial, emotional, housing or any other worry you may have. We have a counsellor on site each Monday if you would like any support - please just ask!

Educational Visits

The Nursery team have booked for "Animal Magic" to come to school for a visit, and are visiting Reddish Vale too. They have also booked a library trip for songs, rhymes and stories.

In Nursery and Reception, we work hard to find visitors who come in to school to complete workshops rather than having to go out of the school site. This is more cost effective as we would need to pay for a larger coach and would have to pay for many other adults as the ratio is 1 adult for every 3 children. Sadly, last term we had many parents who did not pay. The visitors in to school are over and above our curriculum so those who do not pay will be unable to take part/may mean that we have to cancel.

The deadline to pay for this visit is by **Friday 13th February 2026** on parent pay.

Things to Remember

- ❖ Your child should be in school every day, on time, and collected on time. You must not be late collecting your child. If this happens repeatedly you will be charged for childcare
- ❖ Your child **must not** bring toys, dummies, blankets etc in to school. Bikes or scooters must not be ridden on the premises. Only small metal stud earrings are allowed - no other jewellery is allowed
- ❖ Children must not come in to school in nappies
- ❖ Snack money is £1.00 a week that needs paying on parent pay by each Friday
- ❖ School closes - **13th February**, reopens **23rd February**. School closes for Easter on **26th March**
- ❖ INSET day - **Friday 27th March 2026** - school closed to children
- ❖ Maths workshop - **10th March at 2.30pm**