

Early Years Newsletter

Nursery

Dear Families,

Welcome to Aycliffe Drive Nursery! We are so happy to have your child join us and look forward to working with you this year. We will have lots of opportunities for you to support and become involved in your child's learning journey, so we wanted to let you know you can keep up to date throughout the year.

Keeping you informed

Nursery Whiteboard

Please remember to check the whiteboard outside the Nursery door. This will be updated regularly with useful information and key reminders about the week ahead, such as information about Forest School and PE sessions and upcoming events.

Early Years Newsletter

This newsletter will also be released monthly, sharing information about what the children have been getting up to in class. They have been settling in really well so far, exploring the learning environment and engaging in lots of different activities, as you can see from the photos! We will be using the All About Me books which you are completing together at home to talk in our key person groups about ourselves and our families. Please return these as soon as you have done them.

Email

We will send information directly to you by email whenever there are important updates, reminders or information that you need to know. Please ensure that the school office have your correct email address for this to happen.

Whole School Class Blogs

Throughout the year, we will also share regular updates on the school website through our Nursery blog. This is a lovely way for you to see some of the things we have been learning about and enjoying in Nursery. If you are interested, our previous blogs are still up on the website as part of the Headteacher's Newsletters: [Aycliffe Drive Primary School - News](#)

Weekly School Newsletter

The school office will also send out the weekly information newsletter, which will include wider school news, important dates and other useful information for families.

We know that starting Nursery is an exciting, but also busy time! We want to make sure you always feel informed, supported and part of your child's learning journey.

Accidents

Sometimes children will be involved in accidents at Nursery. Bumps and scrapes are a part of normal everyday play. If your child bumps their head, for instance, falling over, we will inform the office who will call you right away and you will receive a note at home time to let you know. For other minor injuries we will send home a slip detailing what has happened at the end of their session. We have also spoken to the children this week about the importance of letting an adult know if they have hurt themselves. Please could you reiterate this at home.

Key Person

We have sent out letters to let you all know who your child's key person is for this year. The Key Person is a statutory requirement within the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and has a special responsibility for supporting your child's learning, development, and wellbeing throughout their time with us. Please be assured that **all members of staff work with and care for all children across the Nursery**. The Key Person system simply ensures that there is one member of staff with specific responsibility for overseeing your child's development and maintaining strong communication with you. If you did not receive this letter, please let us know.

If you have any questions, no matter how big or small, please don't hesitate to ask. We are always very happy to help.

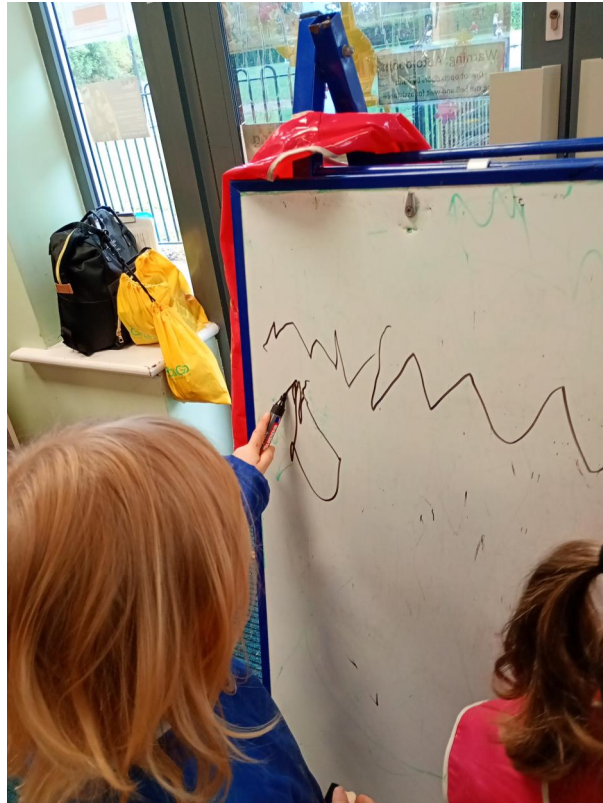
We look forward to getting to know you and your children and sharing some memorable experiences together this year.

Best wishes,

The Nursery Team







Reception

Dear families,

Transition

We have enjoyed welcoming Ash and Elm to Reception and it has been a joy getting to know all the children. The children have both caught up with friends from Nursery and made new friends which has been lovely watching relationships grow at the beginning of Autumn term.

We have been working hard on learning how to use the different areas to play in and finding out where things belong in the classroom as part of the transition to Reception. We have also been talking about classroom rules which help everyone keep safe and maintain a happy learning environment! We have discussed; listening ears, walking feet, waiting for your turn, cleaning up and being kind.

Phonics

It has been a great start for the children learning Phonics, and they have been taught the letter sounds s,a,t,p,i,n,m and d. It is so exciting to see the children realise that they can sound and blend these letters to read and write words! Please continue to read at home with your children **five times a week** and log this in their reading records as this makes a huge impact on your child's learning.

Literacy

In Literacy we have been learning 'All About Me' with a focus on the books: *All Are Welcome* and *All Our Families Are Awesome*. This has been a lovely way to get to know each other and then children are growing their vocabulary through listening to others experiences.

Maths

In Maths we have been learning how to subitise up to three (know how many there are in a set without the need to count). This skill will support their mastery with number as they go through the school! Practise this skill at home by pointing out objects where there are three or less, for example "I can see three trees!"

EYFS Macmillan run

A big thank you for the support during our EYFS Macmillan run and cake sale. Macmillan are such a worthy cause and we loved coming together as a community to run and eat cake to raise money for them. The children did amazingly and we hope they enjoyed their run as much as we enjoyed supporting them! If your child loved this run, then they'd be most welcome to have a go at the local junior parkrun - Gadebridge Park junior parkrun, every Sunday at 8:45 in Gadebridge park - it's completely free!

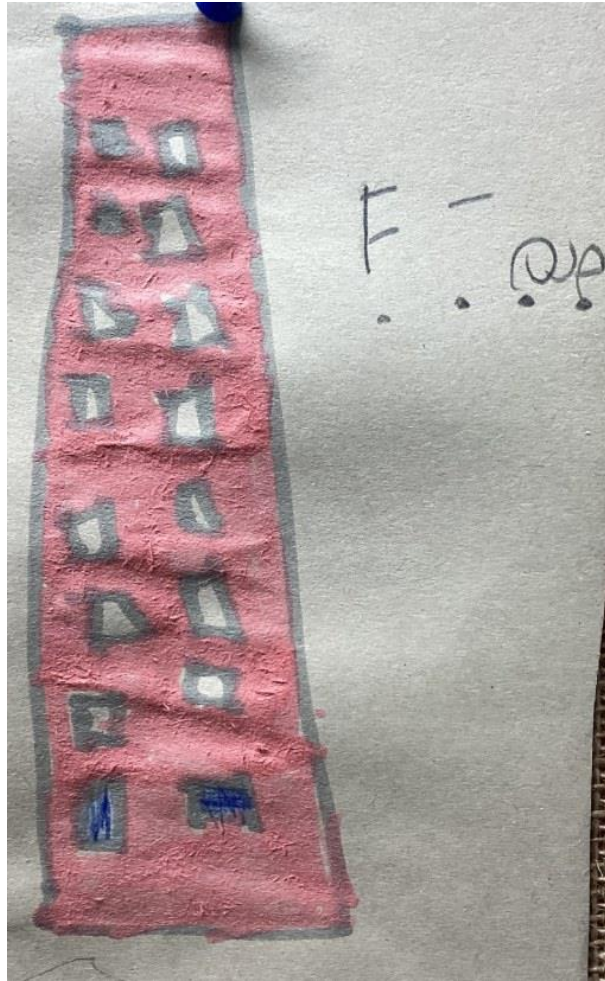
Jewellery and toys from home

Please ensure that children are not bringing in jewellery or toys from home as these may get lost or broken at school. Earrings should be a small simple stud, this is for your child's safety.

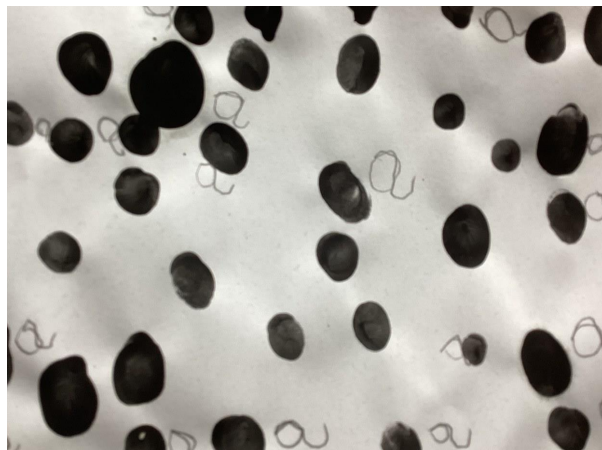
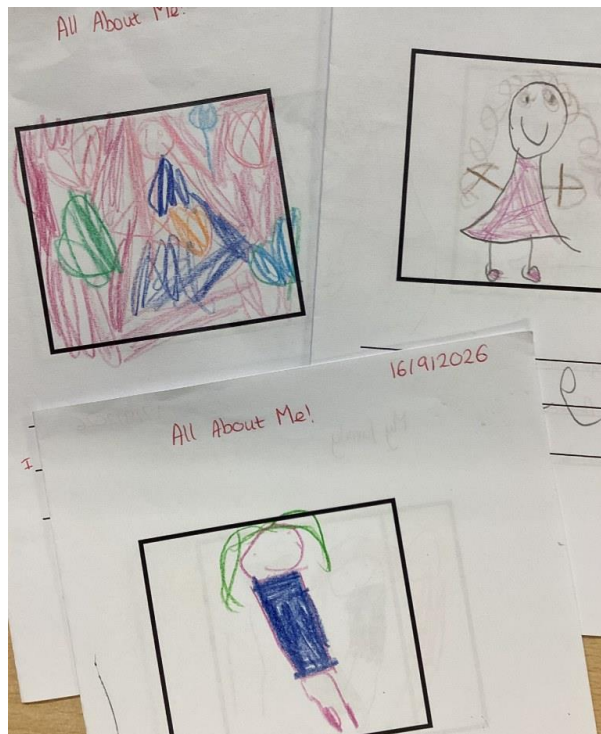
Thank you for a wonderful start to the year,

Best wishes,

The Reception team



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Key Dates

Forest School Dates

Nursery has Forest School every Friday morning from 02/10.

Reception Group 1 - 01/10 AM

Nursery (all children) - 02/10

Reception Group 2 - 08/10 AM

Nursery (all children) - 09/10

Reception Group 3 - 15/10 AM

Nursery (all children) - 16/10

Reception Group 1 - 22/10 AM

Reception Group 2 - 05/11 AM

Nursery (all children) - 06/11

Reception Group 3 - 12/11 AM

Nursery (all children) - 13/11

Reception Group 1 - 19/11 AM

Nursery (all children) - 20/11

Reception Group 2 - 26/11 AM

Reception Group 3 - 03/12 AM

Nursery (all children) - 04/12

Nursery - 11/12 - AM

**Key Dates - Please keep an eye as these dates as they are updated throughout the term.
Further information for events will be shared closer to the time.**

16/10 - Flu Vaccinations (Reception)

19/10 - Reception tour for children starting Sep 2027 at 9.00am

23/10 - INSET Day - pupils not in school

26-30/10 - October half term

02/11 - INSET Day - Parent Consultations

13/11 - World Kindness Day

13/11 - Deadline to return Christmas Card Designs/orders

16/11 - Anti-bullying week

16/11 - Wear odd sock/pink for Anti-bullying week

23/11 - Reception tour for children starting Sep 2027 at 1.30pm

26/11 - Flu Mop-up session (Reception)

27/11 - Occasional Day

08/12 - Nursery performance to parents at 9.00am **(Change from the 09/12 to 08/12)**

09/12 - Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

10/12 - Reception play to Parents at 9.00am

18/12 - School closes at 1.30pm