



Nursery Newsletter - January 2025

Welcome back after the Christmas break, we hope you all had a great Christmas and New Year with your children and made lots of memories!

We have got some new children joining us, so we are really looking forward to getting to know them and introducing them to the amazing activities we provide.

Staffing

We are really pleased to be welcoming Sarah back after her maternity leave with Jude and Leo. Sarah will be working between Nursery and Preschool. Hev is also reducing her hours to pursue a new career in Fitness and Personal Training. Due to the decrease in her hours Hev has decided to step down as room leader of the Meadows so Jodie has accepted this role.

For all of the new parents, the staff at nursery are as follows:

Claire Hull - Senior Manager/DSL

Sophie Reeves - Deputy Manager/DSL/Willows room leader

Sam Tisdale - Willows room Key Person

Lucy Siddle - Willows room Key person

Jodie Brennan - Meadows room Leader

Heather Cryer - Meadows room Key person

Amy Stirrup - Meadows room Key Person

Liz Rouse - SENDCO

Lisa Lindley - Orchards room Leader

Jess Blantford - Orchards room Key person

Rachel Watton - Orchards room Practitioner

Sarah Ricketts - Practitioner and Senior absence support

Willows Room:

Sophie, Sam and Lucy have welcomed some new faces into the Willows room. They have been busily getting to know their new key children and introducing them to all the fun activities they provide. Building those all important bonds with the children's key workers and staff are the foundation of the children's learning. The staff continue to use lots of sensory activities to

promote the children's senses, this supports their brain and language development, gross motor skills, social interaction and problem-solving skills.

Meadows Room:

Jodie, Hev, Amy and Liz have also welcomed some new faces into their room, they are starting off the year with an 'All about me' topic to help build those all-important relationships with their new key children. As part of this topic the staff will scaffold the children's learning to enable them to become more independent. Activities such as finding our own clothes, using mirrors to look at our features and making our own mirrors will all be on offer to our Meadows children. Hev, Amy and Liz will also be looking at our bodies and what makes us unique as well as building on those all-important friendships and social skills.

Orchards Room:

Lisa, Jess and Rachel have started off the new year with lots of new ideas for our Orchard children. They are supporting the new children to settle by using visual aids to support transitions and get them used to the new routine. They are having a big focus on ourselves by giving the children opportunities to make choices and to begin to be more self-reliant and confident to have a go at doing things themselves. They have already begun this by offering the children a self-serve breakfast and lunch which the children are really enjoying! They will also be supporting the children to find their own belongings such as shoes and coats and helping them to put them on and take them off. Language skills are a huge part of the children's learning so Lisa, Jess and Rachel will be offering activities to help extend their vocabulary.

Forest School

Forest school continues to be hugely popular and the activities provided by the staff are allowing the children to learn new skills and embrace our outdoor environment. The weather is looking like we will be seeing some minus conditions so please make sure your child comes suitably dressed for Forest School. The children will need plenty of warm layers as well as hats and gloves! We also ask that these items are clearly named so we can return them at the end of the day.

Delta Sports

At our Preschool site we have recently starting working with a Local sports company called Delta sports, Luke and his team delivers an enriching and stimulating physical curriculum, supporting the children to develop both fine and gross physical skills in a fun way. Our Preschool children have really enjoyed these activities and it has formed part of our transition to school. We are really pleased to say that now Luke and his team have agreed to work with our Orchard room children and provide a fantastic P.E programme. Luke will be in nursery once a week on a Thursday morning.

Food

After discussions with staff we have now decided to offer our hot lunches to children aged from 9 months. If this is something that you would be interested in then please do speak to a member of staff. If your child is in the Willows room and doesn't have a nursery hot lunch then we can now reheat food as long as it is correctly packaged.

We are also looking at changing our food charges, from 1st March the cost of food will be reduced to £4.00, this will only include Lunch and a Pudding. For all parents we will then ask that you provide a morning fruit snack and an afternoon snack. These will no longer be provided.

For parents who pay a session fee the cost will be shown on your invoices with the food split out, but the overall cost to you won't change e.g., a 7.30-6 session charged at £70.00 will appear as £66.00 and the food charge will be shown separately as £4.00 a day.

Breakfast will continue to be provided for all children as it is now.

Reminders:

- Please make sure your children have suitable clothing for the weather as we try and get the children outside in all weathers.
- Clothes and the children's belongings i.e. food pots also need to be clearly labelled.
- Please can you make sure that you are dropping off and collecting during your correct session times - It is vitally important that our ratios are maintained at all times, so you maybe asked to wait if you turn up early and receive a late fee if you are late.

As always, if you have any questions please let us know

Best Wishes

Claire, Sophie and the Team