

Bowerdean Nursery School News

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Dear Families

We hope that everyone has enjoyed finding out about their child's amazing achievements during our recent parent consultations. We are so proud of the progress they have made in such a short period of time.



As always, if you have any queries, please don't hesitate to ask any member of staff at the end of the session.



Moving to Reception in September 2025

It may seem a long way off, but it's time to start thinking about your child's next big step in their learning journey into Reception class at school. Children born between the **1st of September 2020 and 31st of August 2021** will be starting school for the first time in September 2025.

The online application process is simple to use. Buckinghamshire parents can apply for a primary school place for their child online. **All parents wanting a school place for their child in September 2025 must submit an application by January 15th 2025.** Late applications will seriously impact the chance of being offered your preferred school. Staff can help if you have any further questions. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools-index/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school-place/>

Getting School Ready



To help your child enjoy the best start to their Primary school experience, have a look at the Parent Information Board in our atrium, where you will find lots of information about how to support your child at home.

There is also an excellent Preparing for School Checklist, which can be downloaded here:

<https://www.buckshealthcare.nhs.uk/cyp/documents/is-your-child-ready-to-start-school/>

For access to further useful sites for advice and support on a wide range of health and well-being topics relating to young children in Buckinghamshire, please visit:

<https://healthforunder5s.co.uk/?set-location=16>



Naming Clothing

Please can we once again ask that **ALL** items of clothing and bags are clearly named. It doesn't have to be with expensive name tapes, just a permanent laundry pen or sharpie will work. **This includes HATS, GLOVES and SCARVES.**

We also ask that you help your child learn which are their belongings. The staff are amazingly talented, but it's very hard to remember every item belonging to so many children!

Winter Woollies, Waterproofs, Wellies and Messy Play!

The children play outside regardless of the weather and they love water! Please make sure your child has suitable clothing for the weather. You are more than welcome to leave a pair of **named wellies** at Nursery, so your child can use them whenever they need. **A spare set of named clothing is also very useful.**



Experiencing outdoor, sensory led play is vital to the children's development and we are not able to stop children from going outside. Please remember: if your child is not well enough to play outside, they are not well enough to be in Nursery.

We also provide many opportunities to explore messy play and our creative endeavours often lead us to get very painty or muddy. This is a really important part of children's development, so if your child comes home a little bit mucky it means they have been very busy learning!

Lateness and Attendance

It is really important that all children arrive on time for Nursery. It is very unsettling for your child to enter the classroom after the session has started. It also disrupts learning for the rest of the class.

Please remember that the morning session starts at 0845 and we ask that all parents bring their child to the correct entrance. Our afternoon session begins at 1215. Also, please call or email the office to let us know if your child is going to be absent as outlined in our Attendance Policy.

Buckinghamshire Family Learning Courses

Are you interested in finding out some new ways to engage with your child and support their learning? Early Years Family Learning are running the following courses at a centre near you! These courses and interactive workshops offer a range of opportunities for you to explore different aspects of children's learning. We hope you'll consider attending these fun and informal sessions which are designed to help parents understand what their child is learning in nursery school and to be able to provide the necessary additional support at home.



Christmas Celebrations

Each year the children are very excited to put on a Christmas Concert for everyone, so make sure you have the following dates in your diary. After the success of our Summer Family Get-togethers, we will be holding a Festive Community Celebration on the last day of term to raise money for some musical instruments for next term's Immersive Creative Music and Art project.

We look forward to welcoming you to our festive fun. We have so much to celebrate!

With best wishes

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Headteacher

Diary Dates

December 2024		
9	Monday	White Room Christmas Parent Session – 1130-1145
10	Tuesday	Afternoon 2 Year Old Class Christmas Parent Session – 1455-1515
13	Friday	Christmas Party with Surprise Christmas Visitor (children only) Parents are asked to kindly bring a small donation of food/snacks (crisps/fruit/breadsticks/biscuits) for our party.
18	Wednesday	Christmas Concert at 1000 – all children
20	Friday	Festive Fayre - all families are invited to join us from 1030 to raise money for the Nursery. Term ends at 1145. All children are invited to the morning session. There is no lunch or afternoon session.
January 2025		
7	Tuesday	Spring term starts