

Key dates for your diary:

Nursery

Monday 28th September - Reception open evening for new Reception (2027) cohort 4-5:45pm

Thursday 22nd October - Spooky Dress up Day

Friday 23rd October - Trip to Adventure Street

Friday 13th November - Children in Need Day

Monday 16th November - Nursery Rhyme Week event (Parents invited for sing-a-long)

Wednesday 16th December - Last Day at Nursery. Christmas Sing-a long (wear Christmas jumpers - Parents invited in)

Thursday 17th and Friday 18th December - Nursery Closed (Home Visits for new intake)

Reception

Wednesday 30th September - Visit to Gornal Library

Thursday 8th October - Flu vaccinations

October 14th - Phonics workshop - 2:40pm

Friday 11th December - Christmas celebration (crafts, mince pies, hot chocolate and singing!)

Friday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Whole of EYFS

Thursday 1st October - Census Day and National Poetry Day - theme of Wonder

Tuesday 13th October - School Photographs

26th - 30th October - Half Term

9th - 13th November - World Nursery Rhyme Week

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November - Pupil Progress Evenings (You will be able to book a slot via the MCAS App)

Dates for Next year:

Monday 4th January 2027 - INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 5th January 2027 - Children return to school

A big 'Well Done' to all of our new starters this term in Nursery and to our new Reception cohort. You have settled so well!



Early Years staff

Nursery Teacher: Mrs Horton

Also working in Nursery: Mrs Cooper, Miss Bradley, Mrs Blackwell

Reception Teachers RS: Mrs Kausar, Mrs Sproson (maternity leave)

Reception Teacher RW: Mrs Wright

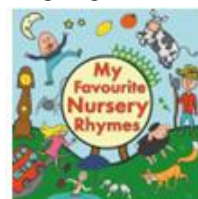
Also working in Reception: Miss Hall, Mrs Pinson, Miss Lewis.

New Topics!

Nursery - Rhyme Time

This term in Nursery, we are beginning the topic 'All about me'. We will be talking about ourselves and our family. We will then move on to 'farm animals'. We are going to be learning lots of different

Nursery Rhymes and doing activities that support our learning of these rhymes. We will also be learning some number rhymes too.



Reception - Planes, trains and automobiles

This term in Reception, we are learning all about transport. We will be looking at the books 'We can't take an elephant on the bus' and 'Meg's Car'. We will be exploring different ways to travel and creating different forms of transport.



Learning in Early Years

In Nursery and Reception, most of our learning takes place through play. The areas within our classrooms and outdoors are continually enhanced to ensure that children have access to a variety of resources and to give opportunities for lots of learning to take place. This can include role play, malleable play (dough), construction, mark making, physical activities, creative activities... the list goes on!

Children also complete daily activities with an adult. These activities help to develop our learning further and allow adults time to assess children's understanding which helps us to plan for future learning opportunities.

Reading

We visit the school library once per week and take a book home to share for enjoyment.

School library days - Nursery: Monday

- Reception: Friday

Reception children will also receive one school reading book per week which will be issued every Friday.

Please encourage your child to read for pleasure at home and read with them as regularly as you can!

What does my child need?

As the weather changes and becomes cooler, please ensure your child is sent to school with appropriate clothing (a warm coat, scarves/hats/gloves when needed). Please ensure all items are **named**. It would be useful for your child to practise putting on these clothing items independently.

Your child should also bring a named bottle of water to school. No fizzy drinks allowed.

Please could you ensure your child has a small bag of spare clothes in case of accidents (including messy play!) This can remain in school on your child's peg.

Reception will have PE on Tuesday. They should come to school in PE kit on this day.

We enjoy learning outdoors at school and have the opportunity to explore outdoors every day. We have mud kitchens, sand and water outdoors so to protect our clothing, we encourage children to wear waterproof suits and wellies. We do have a selection of these in school, but if your child has their own all-in-one waterproof suit they would prefer to wear, please ensure it is named, and it can be left on their peg.

If your child has their own wellies, these can also be left in school. Again, please ensure they are named.

Literacy

Nursery:

Rhyme Time- Children will be encouraged to read for pleasure during their 'COOL time' (Choosing Our Own Learning). They will also visit our school library every week. They will be practising recognising their own name and have lots of opportunities to mark make. They will listen to lots of stories and be encouraged to talk about these in small groups. They will also be given lots of opportunity for role play so that they can re-enact their favourite stories and develop communication skills, linked to farm animals.

Reception:

Children will learn to follow text in books, listen to and recognise sounds in words and blend to read some simple words. They will also learn to write their name, letters of the alphabet and will begin to write some simple words. We will be reading many books that look at different forms of transport. The children will also enjoy many traditional tales during our story time.

Maths

Nursery:

Children will learn lots of number songs & rhymes and be encouraged to join in. Children will be practising counting at every opportunity and encouraged to look for numbers in their environment.

Children will be exploring colour, matching and sorting and begin to look at patterns and some 2D shapes.

Reception:

Reception will also be singing lots of number songs and encouraged to join in with the actions. Children will be matching, sorting and comparing.

Children will also be looking in more detail at numbers to 5 and exploring 2D shapes. We will begin to look at patterns in the environment and try to recreate our own repeating patterns. Children will also talk about measure.



We use Evidence Me to record your child's learning in school. You can access this online or by downloading the app from the Google Play or the App store and signing up via the link we send you.

Every Monday, you will receive a weekly update with key information for the week and any observations of your child from the previous week.

Don't forget... You can add photo/video observations to your child's learning journey using Evidence Me. We love to see the experiences the children have outside of school!

Please make sure you are signed up! Speak to a member of the Early Years team if you are having any difficulties.

Termly costs

We recognise that some events and activities come with a cost. We encourage you to reuse or recycle things that you already have, rather than buying new things where possible.

Potential costs for Nursery

Adventure Street- Around £10

Spooky Day - Please be creative

(Please see Evidence Me nearer to the time for ideas)

Christmas dinner - Under £4

Christmas jumper day - Around £5

Potential costs for Reception

Christmas crafts workshop - £1

Christmas dinner - Under £4

Christmas jumper day- Around £5