

# Early Years Induction Meeting



# Welcome to Great Hollands Nursery

- This presentation aims to provide, an introduction to our Nursery and includes initial information which we hope you will find useful.
- Should you have any further questions, staff will be happy to discuss these with you.
- We hope you will find it helpful in learning about us and in supporting you, as your child starts in our Nursery Class.
- We have a calming classroom that helps our children learn, with areas that support the seven areas of the EYFS.
- Our outside area has lots of exciting exploring opportunities.





**Ms York (DHT)**  
EYFS Lead



**Mrs Kalampaliki**  
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**Mrs Spiers**  
EY Teacher



**Miss Sharp**  
EYP



**Mrs Griffin**  
EYP

**RECEPTION TEAM**

**NURSERY TEAM**

**Early Years  
Team**

**2024-2025**



**Mrs Jordan**  
EYP



**Mrs Parry**  
EYP



**Miss Scaplehorn**  
EYP

# Our Nursery class and Key groups

- Our Nursery class are known as the Caterpillars class.
- We also have smaller key groups for some work and for snack and chat
- Each smaller group has a key adult.
- We will arrange the best groupings for our children once we have met all of them.



# Stay and Play

- We will be holding a 'Stay and Play' session on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9.30am - 10.15am or 10.45am - 11.30am. You will have been invited to one of these sessions.
- Please come to the Nursery entrance
- This will enable us to talk to you and your child and find out things such as;
  - Your child's interests and favourite things.
  - Any medical needs.
  - Support your child may have been receiving, such as speech and language
- We find this really helps us to get to know your child, and in turn, helps them to settle into nursery.



# Home Visits

- You will be sent an appointment time for us to come and visit you and your child at home between Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.
- This will give us further time to talk to you about your child and find out more information to support their transition to Nursery. Pupils with additional needs may need a slower transition.
- It will also be a time we can play with your child, in a familiar setting, helping us to further build up our understanding of them and for them to become more familiar with us.
- It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.
- We find this really helps us to get to know your child, start building relationships with you which, in turn, helps them to settle better into Nursery.

# On Your Child's First Day

**You will receive the date your child will start Nursery. This will be either a morning or afternoon session.**

## On Your Child's First Day at Great Hollands Nursery - morning:

- Please enter the main school gates by Cunworth Court and make your way to the Reception class.
- The gate next to the classroom will be open at 8.40am. This leads to the Nursery garden gate, where you will be greeted by a member of staff
- The gate will remain open until 8.50am
- Staff will be on hand to help your child into the Nursery
- For collection: the gate at the back of Nursery (by the Children's Centre) will open at 11.40am until 11.45am .



# On Your Child's First Day

## On Your Child's First Day at Great Hollands Nursery - afternoon:

- The gate by the Children's Centre will be open at 12.15pm. This leads to the Nursery garden gate, where you will be greeted by a member of staff
- The gates will remain open until 12.20pm
- Staff will be on hand to help your child into the Nursery
- At collection: Please enter the main school gates by Cunworth Court and make your way to the Reception class
- The gate next to Reception will open at 3.15pm until 3.20pm for you to collect your child.





# If you have applied for 30 hours

**30-hour places will begin from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.**

- All pupils will do either a morning or an afternoon for the first few weeks. This will give them time to settle in.
- If your child is ready to access 30 hours, they will extend their hours over this week. (Nursery staff will keep you informed – not all on 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- If your child is not ready, they will be kept on mornings or afternoons, until they are ready.
- Once your child starts 30 hours, they will need to bring in a healthy packed lunch. Note: we are a nut free school (includes Nutella) and all grapes must be cut lengthways. (please don't pack too much!)
- When they start 30 hours, they will be dropped off and collected via the main school gate.



# Daily Timetable

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### Activity

Gates open. Children join in with finger gym activities at tables

Welcome group

Phase 1 phonics and story

Explore time/planned focused activities

Snack and chat and numbers

Daily physical fun

Explore time/planned focused activities

Topic story time

Coats on for home time and singing time



# Clothing

- We encourage our children to wear a school uniform (see [website](#)) – This saves their own clothes from getting paint, glue and mud on them! It also helps them feel more involved in our GREAT school.
- Welly boots, named and in a named plastic bag, to stay in school
- Waterproof jackets and warm clothing for cold weather, e.g. hat, scarf, gloves – all named
- Sun hat in the summer months
- Named spare clothes and pants in a named bag
- Named water bottle
- No accessories / stud earrings only for pierced ears





# Food and Drink

## Snacks:

- Children will receive a piece of fruit during the day.
- If your child will only eat a specific fruit, please feel free to bring in a piece from home if you prefer. All grapes must be cut in half lengthwise.

## Milk:

- Children will be offered a carton of milk with their fruit each day.
- They can also have water if they wish. Please send a named water bottle with them each day.

**Please note we are a nut free school**



# Health

- We need to be aware of your child's medical background, in particular any allergies (e.g. bee stings, dairy food), any dietary restrictions.
- Any medical conditions that are important for us to know (e.g. asthma or eczema). We will ask for this information on the admissions forms
- Children can suddenly become ill and therefore it is important that we know we can contact you or another adult relative/friend at all times.
- Please keep us informed of any changes to contact numbers by letting the school office know.



# Early Years Curriculum

- Activities in our Nursery are carefully planned and organised in order to provide a range of learning experiences
- Planning for each term is carried out using a topic-based approach,
- There are 7 Areas of Learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), which activities are planned around:
  - **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**
  - **Physical Development**
  - **Communication and Language**
  - **Literacy**
  - **Mathematics**
  - **Understanding the World**
  - **Expressive Arts and Design**

Our indoor and outdoor classrooms are designed to help support these areas of learning.



# How you can help your child

- Give your child a variety of experiences with you – enjoy time together
- Share stories and books with them
- Talk to them about anything and everything – modelling back correctly and using new vocabulary.
- Count things – name things – ask them questions
- Develop good routines with them, especially at nighttime so they get enough sleep
- Encourage your child to tidy up, look after things, share and do things for themselves
- Encourage them to use the toilet and have good hygiene habits

# How you can help your child

- Book at bedtime

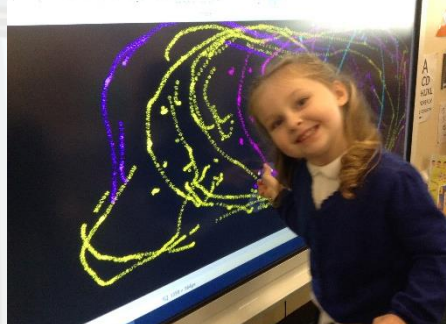
# Learning Journeys and Reports

- Throughout the year, staff will record your child's learning in a folder called a 'Learning Journey'.
- This will form a unique record of your child's learning and development.
- It will contain samples of work, photographs and staff observations. These folders enable staff to track your child's progress and attainment, and also plan future activities.
- **Reports** – We send home a written report in July. We also hold parent meetings twice a year to discuss your child's progress, share their achievements, and develop their next steps.





# We love exploring!



# Dates for your diary

## Family Learning Dates

- Maths – Washing Lines – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (am)
- English – Messy Writing – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 (am)
- Transition to school – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025 (am)





We hope that this presentation is useful. Should you have any questions, please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

We aim to ensure that your children's experience in Great Hollands Nursery is a happy and rewarding one. We look forward to working with both you and your children.

