



Welcome to Nursery!

We would like to welcome back our returning nursery children and say a big hello to our new children. We have had a fantastic start already and we are so proud of all the children! The Nursery staff are Mrs Seddon, Mrs Rawsthorne and Miss Ashcroft. We are a warm, nurturing and enthusiastic Early Years Team and we are here to help, so if you do have any concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to us.

Nursery Staff

Mrs Seddon (Class Teacher & Key Person)

I am very excited to be teaching Nursery again this year. I absolutely love early years and have thoroughly enjoyed working in Reception in previous years. This has given me a good understanding of the progression necessary for a smooth transition to Reception, and I am looking forward to supporting the children to explore, be independent and extend their knowledge through play, interactions and their own interests. I will be encouraging lots of fun, laughter and smiles along the way.

Mrs Rawsthorne (Class Teaching Assistant & Key Person)

Mrs Rawsthorne has many years' experience in the Early Year's Foundation Stage and has worked at Burscough Village Primary School for over fifteen years. She has a keen interest in reading and loves to go swimming in her spare time.

Miss Ashcroft (Class Teaching Assistant & Key Person)

Miss Ashcroft has extensive experience as a teaching assistant and welfare support at Burscough Village Primary School. For the past three years, she has worked in the nursery and enjoys outdoor activities and physical activities. She also volunteers with the local cubs group.

Important Information for Nursery

Showbie

Showbie is an app that will allow you to share information. Please see a separate communication on how to access Showbie. I will send some information, via the app, if it is specific to our class or your child. I like to give weekly updates on what we have been up to.

Toileting

We understand that all children may have little accidents, and some children will still be learning how to use the toilet correctly. We will need to work together to create an Intimate Care Plan for your child. Please send in spare clothes for your child and return any nursery spare clothes.

Clothing, Bags and Wellies

Please send your child to nursery each day with a labelled water bottle. Label all clothing, coats, shoes, and spare clothes. Pack a bag with extra clothes for messy play; we'll keep it until items are used and return it for washing. Bring labelled wellies to leave at nursery until term ends. If possible, provide a mud suit; we have spares if needed. Make sure your child wears an appropriate coat for outdoor learning in any weather. No other equipment is needed the nursery provides everything else.

Snack

We offer a snack, which is available during the morning and afternoon sessions. Money for snack is taken via Parent Pay. Milk is offered at no cost. Water is always available.

Key Person

Your child will be allocated a 'Key Person' in school. We will send home a communication to share this information after a couple of weeks. This is to help develop a close relationship with an adult in school. This person will offer comfort and support to your child and get to know individual personalities and sensitivities to understand their needs a little better. However, we are all here to work as a team to support all the children. Mrs Seddon is the class teacher for all children.

Reading Books

Your child will be sent home with one reading book each week. Books will be changed on a Thursday or Friday, or whichever day is your child's last session of the week. Books will be alternated between a library/story book one week and a wordless book the next. They will also have their own Reading Record Book, and we ask that you record when you have read with your child.

PE/FMS

We practise Fundamental Movement Skills (FMS) every day in Nursery, along with PE on a Friday morning. Therefore, we ask that your child comes to school in suitable clothing for physical activity. If we are in the hall, we take shoes and socks off, and if we are outside the children will need trainers. Skirts and pinafores cannot be worn for PE due to health and safety reasons.

Helping Your Child Get Ready for School

Starting nursery is a big step for your little one—and for you too! Here is some useful information about what "school readiness" means and how you can support your child to feel confident, independent, and happy as they begin their learning journey.

What is School Readiness?

School readiness means your child is:

- Emotionally prepared to separate from you
- Physically able to manage basic tasks independently
- Socially confident to play and interact with others
- Curious and excited to learn!

Key Skills to Support at Home:

Independence with Bags & Belongings

- Encourage your child to carry their own bag
- Practise opening and closing zips or lunchboxes
- Let them choose what to pack (with guidance!)

Getting Dressed & Undressed

- Practise putting on coats, shoes, and jumpers
- Use clothes with easy fastenings (Velcro, elastic)
- Celebrate small successes to build confidence

Toileting

- Support your child to use the toilet independently
- Teach proper handwashing routines

Saying Goodbye to Dummies

- Dummies can affect speech development
- Offer comfort alternatives like a cuddly toy

Online Safety

Online safety is going to be a big focus this year, and even young children may use tablets or watch videos online. Help keep them safe by:

- Using child-friendly apps and websites
- Setting screen time limits
- Talking about what they see online
- Keeping devices in shared family spaces

Tip: Use parental controls and supervise screen use.

We're here to support you and your child every step of the way and your continued support at home makes a huge difference. Together, we can help your child feel confident, independent, and ready to thrive! If you have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member of staff. We have loved getting to know all the new children on their visits and during their time at our school. We are very much looking forward to an exciting and successful first term and hope that you and your child will really enjoy their time in Nursery.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Seddon and the Nursery Team