

Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy - Spring Term 2026

We are Nursery: Alex Deans



Welcome to Nursery

A warm welcome to all our new families joining us in Nursery this year! We are also delighted to welcome back all our families for the Spring Term. Thank you for your support and engagement throughout the Autumn Term. It was a joy to see the children grow and progress, and we're excited about the wonderful learning and achievements ahead in the coming months. Our topics for this term are 'People Who Help Us' followed by 'Ready Steady Grow', along with a focus on the season of Winter. We will be exploring the roles of real-life heroes in our community, such as police officers, firefighters, ambulance workers, and medical staff. Additionally, the children will learn about the people who help us at home and at school. We'll also continue to explore the world around us, venturing into the wonders of faraway countries. This term will include exciting celebrations and events such as The Big Birdwatch, Pancake Day, Chinese New Year, Easter, and many more. Thank you once again for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic Spring Term with your children.

Mrs. Dias and Ms Hindocha.

The Nursery school day

Children are picked up and dropped off to the Nursery gate. We kindly ask that parents say goodbye to the children at the gate, they can develop their independence of walking into the classroom. If parents have any messages for the teacher, please leave a message via Tapestry or the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Session times AM session: 8:35am - 11:35am.

PM session: 12:35am - 3:35pm.

Full day: 8:35am - 3:35pm.

Snack time and Lunchtime

We provide children with a snack every day. The lunchtime menu will be shared with your child each day and it would be most appreciated if you could discuss the different food choices with your child to make their decision for lunch easier. If your child brings in a packed lunch on any particular day please can you ensure they are healthy choices with one small treat (remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL). Please send your child in with a labelled water bottle, this must only contain water.

Uniform

Please make sure all your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their name including hats and scarves. Please bring in a bag with spare clothes, spare underwear and socks/tights/leggings that your child can keep on their peg. Our PE days are every Wednesday kindly ensure your child has the correct kit. All black jumper and joggers, white t-shirt and black trainers.

Starting Nursery...

The first few weeks at Nursery focus on establishing routines. During this time, the children will learn how to care for their learning environment and support one another. They will practise finding their coat pegs and using their name cards to self-register.

Our priority is to help the children develop independence, build confidence, and nurture a sense of responsibility as they settle into their new surroundings.

Wellington Boots

Throughout the term we will be using water trays and sand trays and with the unpredictable English weather - it will get messy. Please send in a labelled pair of welly boots for your child to wear. Children will be wearing muddy puddle suites, we will demonstrate how to put them on supporting their independence.

Communication & Language

- We will continue to work on extending the children's vocabulary, commenting on what children are interested in and doing, whilst working and playing alongside them. We will ensure we introduce new and varied vocabulary that will build children's language effectively
- We will provide children with a rich language environment by sharing books and activities with them.
- We will encourage children to talk about what is happening and give their own ideas.
- We will have daily singing sessions, where we will encourage the children to sing along to nursery rhymes, take part in the actions as well as have a go at singing the songs using different pitch and tempo.

Physical Development

- Children will work on using the correct pencil grip when colouring in or mark making.
- In the outdoor area, children will work on developing their movement and balancing skills.
- We will support children to develop their confidence to go to the toilet independently.
- Children will also be encouraged to put on their coats and zip them up independently.

Personal, Social and Emotional

- We will learn the school rules; being kind, working hard and staying safe.
- Children will have opportunities to develop their social skills within the setting by taking part in a variety of role play activities as well as day to day interactions with children and adults within the setting. We will support the children to share and take turns with others.

Tapestry

Observations of your child throughout the week will be uploaded to Tapestry (our online learning journal) where you can make comments and upload your own observations. We encourage all parents to use Tapestry as a form of communication and would love to share what the children are doing at both home and at school.

We will share some of the posts from home with the rest of the class throughout the week.

Please see the video (linked below) as a guide on how to upload observations, photos and videos from home.
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=espJ96TJHV8>)

Notes ...

- Please kindly ensure that your child is dropped off and collected on time. This allows our day to run smoothly without any delays.
- On PE days children should not be wearing any jewellery including earrings, and long hair must be tied up.
- All hair accessories must be matched to hair colour or in line with uniform, which is blue.