

Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy - Autumn Term 2025

We are Nursery: Alex Deans



Welcome to Nursery

Welcome to all our new families that are joining us in Nursery this year. We are all excited to be working with you and making this year as fun and successful as possible. We have a fun-packed year planned with great topics, lots of creative ideas and opportunities for you to come and spend time in Nursery with your child.

Our topics for the Autumn term are 'All about Me' and 'Celebrations'. This is a lovely topic to learn all about the children and opportunities to share about family life and their own experiences. Later in the term we will be celebrating special festivals and learning about different cultures and people. We look forward to working alongside you and your child every day and making many memories together!

The Nursery EYFS Team

The Nursery school day

Children should be dropped off and picked up at the Nursery gate. We kindly ask parents to say goodbye at the gate, allowing children to build their independence as they walk into the classroom. If you have any messages for the teachers, please pass them on via the school office or through Tapestry, and we will respond as soon as possible.

Session times

AM session: 8:35am - 11:35am

PM session: 12:35pm - 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 ensure that all items of your child's uniform are **clearly labelled** with their name. If you have any questions about uniform requirements, please speak to a member of staff.

If your child is not yet fully confident in using the toilet, we kindly ask that you provide a bag with spare clothes, including shoes.

Children must also come to school wearing the correct PE kit every Wednesday.

Starting Nursery...

The first few weeks at nursery are all about routine. The children will be learning how to take care of the learning environment and each other. They will begin to find their coat pegs and use their name cards to self-register. We will be working to develop their independence, confidence and their sense of responsibility.

Wellington Boots

Throughout the term, children will enjoy exploring the mud kitchen, water trays, and sand trays. With the unpredictable English weather (and lots of messy fun!), we kindly ask that you send in a **labelled pair of wellies** for your child to wear.

Communication & Language

- We will be working on extending children's vocabulary, explaining unfamiliar words and concepts and making sure children have understood what they mean through stories and other activities.
- 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.

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 ...

- PE days are on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kits. 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.