

Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy - Summer Term 2026

We are Nursery: Alex Deans



Welcome to Nursery

We are delighted to welcome back our returning families for the Summer Term. Thank you for your continued support and engagement throughout the Spring Term. It was an absolute joy to see the children grow and progress, and we're excited about the wonderful learning and achievements that lie ahead. Our topic for this term is 'All Creatures Great and Small.' We will be learning about minibeasts, farm animals, wild animals, and the ways we can care for them. The children will explore different habitats and countries where some of these animals live. In Nursery, the children will also care for our very own caterpillars as they learn about the life cycle of a butterfly. After the May half-term, our focus will shift to sea animals, with an emphasis on protecting our oceans and marine life. In our outdoor area, we will continue to develop our care for our growing plants and flowers. Thank you once again for your ongoing support. We look forward to a fantastic Summer Term filled with exploration, discovery, and fun with your children. The Nursery Team

The Nursery school day

Children are picked up and dropped off to the Nursery gate. If parents have any messages for the teacher, please leave a message with the 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

As the warmer weather approaches, please make sure you clearly label your child's cardigans, jumpers and sunhats that come into Nursery. During the hotter months please apply sun cream before attending nursery, unfortunately we are unable to apply this during the day. Please send in spare clothes for your child in case we have to change them, as part of our Early Years curriculum, we have a water tray, sand pit, and unpredictable weather so expect things to get messy sometimes. Our PE days are every Wednesday, kindly ensure your child has the correct kit. All black jumper and joggers/shorts, 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.

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. The children will continue to learn letter sounds through our Read Write Inc scheme and use this in their mark making and name writing. During play opportunities we will support and encourage the children to continue a conversation and listen to each other.

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 in spatial awareness, core strength, agility 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 whilst taking ownership of their belongings.
- We will learn to use one-handed tools, such as scissors to cut on dotted lines.

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. During carpet circle time sessions, we will have discussions to support the development of different points of view and how to resolve differences with our friends.

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.