

Deans Nursery Class

September Newsletter 2025

Welcome to our first newsletter of the nursery year. The team at Deans Nursery would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and families that have started with us over the last few weeks. Please keep this newsletter handy as it contains lots of important information. A copy of the full nursery handbook was emailed to all families last week.

Meet the Nursery Team!

Along with all our new families, we have welcomed four new members of staff to the nursery team! Our team is made up of:

Early Years Officers:

Miss Bambrough and **Mrs Anderson** (Mon/Tues alt Wed am)

Early Years Practitioners:

Mrs Buckle, Mrs Clark, Mrs Dry, Mrs Ross,
Miss Swanson and **Mrs Whatcott**

Pupil Support Workers:

Miss Dufton and Mrs Frame

The nursery team are supported by the school Senior Leadership Team:

Mrs Butcher – Head Teacher

Mr Weir - Depute Head Teacher
and also....

Miss McQuade - Early Learning and Childcare Area
Support Manager

Nursery Session

Deans is a term time nursery. Our sessions run Monday - Thursday from 8am to 3.30pm. We are closed on a Friday. We also follow the school term holidays.

Nursery Clothing/Spare Clothes

Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name (including spare changes, coats, wellie boots etc.). Any clothing items found without a name will be put in our lost property box in the cloakroom. We will empty these at the end of each term.

Could we ask that your child has a full set of spare clothes in their nursery bag which is kept in the cloakroom. We would also appreciate if any items borrowed could be returned as we often run out of spare clothes!

PE/Yoga Sessions

As well as full access to outdoor play the children have allocated time in the gym hall. This session, Mrs Dry will be running PE and Yoga classes on a Wednesday morning. It would be great if children could come in comfy clothing to allow them to fully participate in the fun.

Our Learning

We have been back at nursery for a few weeks now and the learning the children are engaging most with centres around 'All About Me'. With so many new children and families this is a great way to get to know everyone better. We are looking forward to see how this topic develops over the next few weeks!



Dropping off/Collecting of children

As you are aware the nursery cloakroom can be extremely busy at times. Could we therefore ask, when dropping your child off for the day, that you come into the cloakroom with them, get them ready and take them into the nursery room **before leaving**. There will always be a member of the team at the door taking a register. Miss Bambrough or Mrs Anderson will also be in the cloakroom area at drop off/collection times, if you need to pass on any information or just need a chat. We also ask, for safety reasons, that you only let staff members open the door for other parents.

Unfortunately, for fire safety reasons buggies are not permitted in the cloakroom and must be left outside (preferred) or tucked in within the foyer. If you require help with a younger child or baby, please speak to a member of the team who will be happy to offer support while you collect your child.

Bookbug Sessions

We are excited this year to be offering 'Bookbug' sessions in the nursery. These sessions will be run by Mrs Ross on a Monday at the end of each month starting on Monday 29th September. Next week, look out for a sheet in the cloakroom for families to vote on potential timings for these sessions. We want to make sure we have the timings right so that as many families as possible are able to attend. Once we collate the results, we will confirm the times and all future dates for these sessions. These sessions are a fabulous opportunity for parents/carers to come along to with their children, to share stories and songs and to help develop the child's language, communication and social skills.

For more information visit this link: www.booktrust.org.uk

Nursery Snack and Lunch

We're really excited to introduce new "Setting the Table" guidance from the Care Inspectorate. This guidance is all about helping your child get the best start in life by encouraging healthy eating habits from an early age. Since Deans Nursery is a 39-week nursery, we aim to provide around **70% of your child's daily nutrients** while they are with us. This percentage might vary a little depending on whether your child attends their full entitlement at present or not.

As a parent, you do not need to provide your child **with snacks or water bottles** while at nursery. Milk and water are available at all mealtimes, and water is available throughout the day to keep everyone hydrated. We do encourage children to drink using a cup at nursery. If your child requires a specialised bottle, please speak to a member of the team.

Alternatively, you can still provide your child with a packed lunch from home. As already mentioned, there is no need to provide a drink for your child with their lunch as milk and water is provided. Also, while this isn't new, it's really important to remember a few foods that are **not allowed** in packed lunches for safety reasons. Some of these can be choking hazards for young children:

- **Whole grapes and blueberries** (please cut them in half for safety!)
- **Popcorn**
- **Hard-boiled sweets**
- **Marshmallows**
- **Sausages, cocktail sausages, and hot dogs**
- **Chewing gum**
- **Dates**
- **Lollies**
- Foods with a **high salt content** (like pot noodles)

Time	Event
8.00am - 8:30am	Breakfast
9:30am -10:00am	Morning Snack
11:30am - 1pm	Lunch
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Late Snack

Seesaw

We are in the process of adding all the new children and families to SEESAW. Please keep an eye out for your set-up email for your child's account. We use SEESAW to record information on your child's progress as well as share information on occasions. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the team.

Parent/Carer Consultations

We will be holding parent consultations over two weeks starting on Monday 6th October. Sign-up sheets for each key group will be placed in the foyer for you to choose your preferred time. Please note, each group will have a specific day allocated to them.

Dates for your diary

Monday 22nd September	- September Break Holiday
Thursday 11th September	- Flu Vaccines (session 1)
Thursday 25th September	- Pre-School Vision Screening
Monday 29th September	- Bookbug sessions begin
Monday 6th October	- Parent Consultations begin
Monday 20th October	- October Holiday Week
Monday 27th October	- Holiday (staff inset day)
Tuesday 28th October	- Back to Nursery!
Thursday 30th October	- Flu Vaccines (session 2)

