



Nursery Newsletter – Autumn 1 2026

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year and a big warm welcome to all of our new families who are starting their Riverbridge adventure with us. We hope you had an enjoyable summer and ready for a fun term of learning. Our topic for this term is 'All About Me'. Below are ideas of some of the activities that we will be participating in to develop our learning.

On the reverse of this sheet is a reminder of the areas of learning and dates for the diary.

ALL ABOUT ME

Whilst the children are settling in, we will be talking about ourselves and our families. We will be using the children's family photos to talk about who is in our families. We will be creating self-portraits.



THE COLOUR MONSTER

This week we will read the story 'The Colour Monster', and try to help him understand his emotions. We will be looking at our own emotions and discussing what makes us feel that way. We will then explore the paint to mix different colours together and use the glitter for mark making.



BOOK AND PUZZLE LIBRARY

Every week staff help the children to choose their book and puzzle and sign them out. If you would like to offer your help we would be pleased to have you. Please see the office for a DBS form.



FAMILY PHOTOS

We are building a family album in our classroom, and we need your help! Seeing and talking about familiar, loving faces helps children feel secure, connected, and proud of their unique family stories as they settle into their daily routines. Please can you provide photos of family members that you are happy to share with the class? These can either be brought into the Nursery or emailed to the school office.



INFORMATION

All items being brought into Nursery must be **clearly labeled** with your child's name. This is to help us in returning items that have been misplaced.

These include lunch boxes, water bottles, jumpers, shoes, bags and bookbags.

Lunch time is a very important part of the day and the food the children eat contribute to their afternoon of learning. Please could we ask that the children bring in a healthy and balanced lunch to Nursery.

We have a strict **NO NUTS** policy.

We also ask you to be mindful with how grapes are cut. Please could we ask you to cut them length ways to avoid choking.

We thank you for your understanding and support.



In the Early Years, children are guided by the development matters document. The three prime areas of learning are most essential for a child's readiness for future learning and healthy development. The four specific areas of learning build on the prime areas.

Prime areas of learning

Communication and Language
Physical Development
Personal, social and emotional development

Specific Areas of learning

Mathematics
Literacy
Understanding the world
Expressive arts and design



Dates for your diary

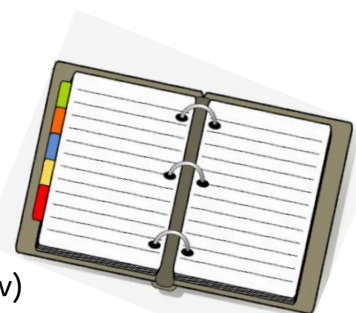
Friday 2nd October – Inset day 3 - Nursery closed

Monday 19th – Friday 30th Oct – Half term

Tuesday 10th November – Parent consultations (more details to follow)

Wednesday 11th November – Parent consultations (more details to follow)

Thursday 12th November – Parent consultations (more details to follow)



Please also refer to the dates on the Riverbridge Review each week.

Thank you

Keyworkers

The children are settling into the nursery routine very well and starting to build relationships with the staff.

We will soon be ready to share with you who your child's keyworker is for this academic year.

Children who attended last year may have a new keyworker.



Topic specific words

<u>Everyday words</u>	<u>Really useful words</u>	<u>Topic specific words</u>
<u>All about me</u>		
baby brother birthday sister mummy daddy	me girl boy home	parents grandparents cousins auntie uncle siblings 
<u>The Colour Monster</u>		
happy sad angry worried	yellow blue green red	jar excited tired mad calm focused mean worried 