



September 2026

Newsletter

Dear Parents old and new; Welcome to the nursery or welcome back. We have almost 40 children starting this term and some may take longer to settle than others. We will work with you to help your child settle, please understand this will be different for every child. We would like to welcome:

Anton, Max, Elena, Millie, Nehal, Kimberley, Nayvee, Sofia, Sebastian and Darius in Juniper Room.

Koray, Etta, Kamal, Vinnie, Manmeet, Jsla, Dylan, Jbrahim, Nellie, Jana, Mais and Jabril-Genesis in Hazel Room.

Somtochukwu, Mansa, Noah, Jbrahim, Kelechi, Samrat, Edon, Elizabeth, Senay, Joji, Jamie, Mehtab, Tommy, Rio and Leonardo in Willow Room.

We also have a number of families who came from Nepal - We will be having a cake sale to raise money to support members of our community.

Gile

Our session times

Morning: 9am—11.45am/12 noon finish (all children have to be collected by 12 noon as lunches are eaten at that time)

Full time: 9am—3pm finish

Wraparound care: Breakfast 8am—9am, Mini Tea 3pm—4pm, Tea 3pm—6pm (on Fridays until 5.30pm)

School fund contribution

Each half term we ask parents to contribute £10 towards school fund that is less than £2 a week. As we are a cashless school it would help us if you pay through the ParentPay app, but there are other ways to pay e.g. at PayPoint stores with a ParentPay bar-coded letter, if you would like this please ask in the school office or cash handed into the office. We have 100 children on roll now, and if everyone paid that we would have £1000 each half term to pay for extra things to help with your child's education. We use the money to pay for the snacks that we buy each week and for resources that we make like playdough, cooking ingredients, shaving foam, corn flour, etc. We also support trips. Unfortunately, we will struggle going forward if we don't receive any donations as our weekly shopping bill is approximately £70. Anything you can give will help. Thank you.

Support us with easyfundraising

We've set up an **Easyfundraising** page to help raise funds for our nursery—at no extra cost to you! It's really easy to use: every time you shop online via the Easyfundraising website or app, whether it's for groceries, gifts, clothes, or even booking holiday 8,000+ retailers like Tesco, M&S, Argos, Amazon, easyfundraising! It only takes a minute to sign up and makes a big difference to us. Visit our page here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/abbey-wood-nursery-school>





We only accept payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay is our preferred method of making payments to school. During the next few weeks we will be sending out information for how you can activate the service. Please contact us if you have any problems after you have received the letter.



We are using a secure system where you must report your child's absence, called Studybugs. If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school. All of our communication is sent through this platform, so you must download it to enable us to send out all the important information you need to know.



Each child will have their own learning journal on Tapestry so we can:

- ◇ Follow your child's learning and development
- ◇ Plan experiences to help them to make progress

Through the journal we will share 'observations' and photos with you. You will also be able to use Tapestry to add pictures and videos of the things you do together at home or out and about. You should have received an email with an activation link to activate your Tapestry profile. This email can sometimes end up in the junk/spam folder.

Dates for your diary

30th September **Cake sale in aid of the Nepalese flood victims** —Donations are welcome for the cake sale prior to the sale (all ingredients need to be listed) - all money raised goes towards the disaster funds



26th October - 30th October **Half Term**



14th November 10am-11.30am **Stay and Play** - There will be an opportunity to talk to Gill about applying for reception places. We will also have laptops available if you want to make an application.



17th November **School photos**



2nd November - 6th November **Meet the Teacher Week** - arrange your appointment with class staff



1st December **Light up for Christmas**



No mobile phone and smart glasses

As many parents and carers who have had other children at this school will know. We have a 'No mobile phone and smart glasses' policy on this site. We ask that the mobile phones and smart glasses are placed in pockets or bags until you are back out on the road. There are two reasons for this. We know that images of children are taken in school and posted on the internet without parental consent. There was a case in another area of a child being abused whilst it was live streamed. In this school the cloakrooms are in or near the toilets. We have a duty to protect your child, we do this by banning mobile phones and smart glasses. It is also a really nice time to be able to talk to your child about what they might do or did do at school that day.

Thank you.